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主従契約  
奴隷で

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在專門培育魔女騎士的學園裡，疾風被召喚為契約獸。「妳……妳……妳在做什麼！」  
「陪睡（全裸）。」為了讓有點（？）色色的美少女契約者雪莉成為最強的魔女騎士，他們訂下互為僕人與奴隸的契約。

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幾個月不見大概是因人而異，好久不見我是なめこ印。託各位讀者的福，第二集順利發售了！

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# 我與她互為奴僕的主從契約

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ハヤテ・ミツルギ

シェリーに召喚された魔術師。  
主従契約によってシェリーの  
下僕になる

「谷赦しないわよ」

ビクトリア・ヴェルデ

シェリーに好意を寄せてい  
る名門ヴェルデ家の次女

シェリー・シャルラ・ハロート

ハヤテを召喚し、主従契約によって  
彼の奴隷となった魔法騎士

これはクワッド試験に耐けた訓練の  
何もやましいところはここにあります





キルル・デューマール

アリアの同級生でシェリーたちのクラスメイト。ハサマに憧れ、

アリア・ヴァイスハイト

シェリーたちのクラスの級長。読書が大好きで、ハサマに憧れる

「まったくこのエロ下僕は」

「やっぱり私の水着に見惚れてしまったわね」

「アリア、シェリー、キルル、みんな、ハサマに憧れるのね」  
「はい、そうです」  
「アリア、シェリー、キルル、みんな、ハサマに憧れるのね」  
「はい、そうです」



「それは……こうやるのだ……」

お……姉様……どうすね……」

シルヴァーナ・ヴェルデ  
ビクトリアの姉にしてヴェルデ  
家の執事

「だから、

私の

一番大事なものをあなたにあげたい





雪莉的契約獸  
疾風・御劍

被雪莉召喚的少年，沒有召喚前的記憶，因主從契約成為雪莉的僕人，以她的契約者身分而戰。他持有的「雷瓦汀」既是一把強大無比的焰之劍，同時似乎也跟他的過去有關。

雪莉・  
夏洛蘭哈洛特

已經沒落的夏洛蘭哈洛特家的獨生女，為了找回失去的家人，立下目標要成為最強的魔女騎士，召喚出疾風，訂下主從契約而成為他的奴隸，很色。





### 蕾拉· 修巴爾茲

雪莉等人的班導師，原隸屬於國家騎士團。總是穿著一襲黑衣，私生活可說是一團謎。不過不知為何三團卻是眾所周知，從上至下是91、63、89。

### 蕾拉的契約獸 辛多莉 (小矮人)

也稱為黑妖精的種族，擁有高度的智慧，會使用各種魔法。喜歡陰暗狹窄的地方，平常時都住在蕾拉胸前的開岔裡。能夠創鑄出的「魔導器」是「火具鑄」。

### 維多莉亞· 貝爾帝

名門貝爾帝家的次女。自尊心高，對雪莉抱有莫名的競爭心態。對男人一無所知，有時候會有些奇怪的誤解。自從輸給疾風之後就開始有點在意他。

### 維多莉亞的契約獸 琳迪斯 (林德蟲)

外型是一隻背上長了翅膀的大蛇，移動時常纏在維多莉亞身上。能夠創鑄出的「魔導器」是「蛇翼之鞭」。





雅莉亞的契約獸  
米利亞（米敏古）

稱為機神的特殊契約獸，外型是有著機械身體的貓頭鷹。平常都站在雅莉亞肩上，力氣讓外地頗大。

雅莉亞·  
伯斯哈特

雪莉班上的班長，雖然平常很文靜，卻是個只要一談到跟契約獸有關的事就容易失控的契約獸狂。對疾風這個特殊的契約獸很有興趣。

琪露露·  
迪梅戴爾

雅莉亞的兒時玩伴兼雪莉等人的同學，個性柔弱，常常躲在雅莉亞的背後，實際上有妄想的怪癖，一旦開始就會暫時沉浸在妄想的世界回不來，單戀著疾風。

琪露露的契約獸  
小黑（黑獸）

外型像黑狗的契約獸，可以從全身放出雷電，總是擔心著個性柔弱的主人，在身邊守護著她，能夠創鑄出的「魔導器」是「裝雷神之手甲」。





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# Prologue

“Well then, Hayate. Does mine taste better? Eat it.”

“Please wait! It's been decided that mine tastes better! Quickly, choose me, okay? Hayate-san...”

“What are you babbling about, I wonder? It is my duty to be of Hayate's assistance, no matter day or night. His desires, whether it's food, sexual, or rest, I grant them all. Would you mind retiring already?”

“W-What kind of shameless...! N-No! I can't step aside at this point! No matter what it is, I shall do it!”

“...”

The two blushing bishoujos simultaneously drew closer to Hayate.

“Listen, Hayate...”

Closing in from the right was Sherry Scharlachrot. With her milky-white skin and light-rose-colored hair. A bishoujo whose balanced body was wrapped in a uniform with a big opening around her bosom.

Hayate was her manservant, and she was his slave.

They were mutual masters in a master/servant contract. They had both closed the contract by exchanging collars out of dragon scales that they put onto each other's neck. A in some respects irregular, equal, but most importantly inseparable relationship.

That's why she it was fine for her to be by Hayate's side. That wasn't the problem... but...

“W-What is this? You couldn't possibly plan to oggle and impregnate me...?!”

When Hayte threw her a stare, Victoria, approaching from his left, raised a flustered voice and said something so outrageous, one wouldn't know whether it was a joke or serious... No, let me correct that. She was a girl who hadn't the slightest clue about men, so she was probably serious.

“Nope, not really...”

Sherry's classmate, Victoria Verde. A girl with an incredible hairstyle (blonde ringlets) and, while we're at it, a no less intriguing cup size. Always accompanied by her winged serpent lindworm, one way or another, she was an ojou-sama with a flashy appearance.



Various things happened with her during the practical lessons and mid-terms, but they did have a joint struggle for a short time and the relationship between them hadn't been as dangerous as before, but...

“Jeez, Hayate... hurry up and eat my bread. It's tasty, you know?”

“Ah, how sly of you! Before that, Hayate-san will eat my soup!”

*Seems like she's competing with Sherry like this, they're not on good enough terms that she may feed me yet... I guess?*

In the academy's dining hall, where the numerous ojou-samas were chatting away elegantly around them, only in the corner where Hayate and company were seated sparks scattered fiercely.

Why did Hayate have to be the only one dragged into this kind of brawl in this peaceful dining hall?

“...”

Well, to explain it... earlier, Victoria had come over and started to recklessly cling onto him, causing her noble-sized breasts to bounce into his elbow.

She had probably only intended to quarrel frantically with Sherry, but as big as she is, she had touched my elbow just by sticking her body out a bit.

Sherry's are amazing too, but as I've said many times over, Victoria's are earth-shattering as well.

Regarding firmness, Sherry seemed to have the upper hand, but if it came to softness, it was Victoria... When he thought that kind of thing, Sherry pulled on his collar from behind.

“W-What now?”

“What is the meaning of this, being seduced by another girl, you ero-manservant.”

“Well, no, I'm not really seduced...”

When he got flustered and searched for excuses, Sherry bore an ill-humored expression for some reason and tore the bread in her hands into small pieces, then she softly caressed his cheek with her hand.

“Here. Say 'aaaah'.”

“Eh? Wh— \*gulp\*.”

She forcibly pushed the bread fragments into his mouth and Hayate instantly had his voice blocked.

Sherry's fingers kept entering his mouth, pushing gradually deeper until she put the bread on top of his tongue. Finally, she held his tongue between her two fingers, entwined it, and stirred his saliva.

With a \*CHU-PA\*, she extracted her white fingers, leaving behind a trail with a transparent thread.

“...\*chu\*.”

“...?!”

Maybe she had lost it, but Sherry stuck her fingers that she had just pulled out into her own mouth and started licking Hayate's saliva.

In the face of that way too alluring scene, Hayate's mind went half blank and... for the time being, he chewed on the bread in his mouth. If he didn't distract his mind with something, he felt that his head would boil.

And then—— Hayate was pushed from behind and his face plunged deep into her breasts.

“Mugo—?!”

*Soft—?!*

He had thought earlier that Sherry's chest seemed to be a lot firmer than Victoria's, but he had to reevaluate... *Wait, now's not the time! What the heck are you doing all of a sudden?!*

Hayate was mumbling in her cleavage, but the perpetrator Victoria, who was pushing his back and forcing his head into Sherry's bosom even now, didn't realize it at all.

“Scharlachrot-san! W-What sort of shameless act are you committing in this kind of place?!”

*If that's what you're thinking, take away your hand first!*

Hayate intended to say that, but being hindered by Sherry's breasts, it turned into nothing but muffled noise.

Maybe because she had lost her temper, she didn't notice Hayate's situation. Sherry, too, didn't seem to take much notice, so with him still neck-deep in her cleavage, she stared back at Victoria.

“Call it shameless or whatever, something like this is nothing special to us.”

“WWW-What did you say?!”

“\*MUFFLED\*— (She's lying—)!”





“Disciplining my manservant as well as looking after him, it's my right as the master, and my duty as a slave. It is none of Victoria-san's business.”

“.....Th—! T-That's besides the point! You're a noble...”

“...”

Above his head, the girls' dispute continued to unfold.

Meanwhile, Hayate started suffocating in Sherry's bosom.

Suffering from a lack of oxygen, he thought again.

*Why did it have to come to this...*



# Chapter 01: Victoria's Rhapsody

Time goes back to the day before.

Diaspell Royal Academy. Student Dormitory.

*Nhnhnh~.....*

Hayate was squirming in the bed while feeling the gaze of morning.

Basically he didn't have the personality of being punctual. Especially in the morning, even if his consciousness awakens, he would take more than 10 minutes to just open his eyelids.

*There is still time before Sherry comes to wake me up.....just 5 more minutes.*

The work of waking Hayate fell to Sherry. To him, her voice was the signal to wake up.

Then the reason Sherry hasn't called out to him means there was still time before the morning bell. While deciding upon that he tried to once again go back to sleep.

「U~n.....」

Hayate while raising half-asleep voice rolls to the other side on the bed.

Suddenly something warm hits face with a \*buyon\*. It's warmth was different from that of bed.

「Nh~?」

*What is this.....softness, it feels different from that of a pillow. It's more soft and big and is bouncy, it feels good.....*

Hayate started groping that mysterious soft thing with his eyes still closed.

「.....Ahn~」

「.....!?!」

*Just what was that moaning voice right now!?*

Hayate opened his eyes wide, after some seconds later while being surprised.

「Good Morning, Hayate」

The one who gave the morning salutation to him was Sherry.

That voice was the same as the one which told him the time to wake up, but.....except for one point that the owner of voice, Sherry, was in his bed completely naked.

「W.....Wh, What are you doing!？」

「Sleeping naked」

Sherry replied to Hayate who inquired her with threat.

The understanding to the current situation was splendidly not the same for both of them.

「Nh? Uwaaa-!」

At that point, Hayate realized that he had been groping the great breasts of Sherry and tried to release them from his both hands, but when he did that the cherry of her breasts suddenly got exposed and he crawled out of bed without knowing what to do.

「You don't have to run away」

「I will run!」

To Sherry's playful words Hayate returned a shout.

While looking at Hayate's whose heart was still beating faster \*bakyun bakyun\*, Sherry revealed a smile.

「Looks like you're finally awake」

「.....Thanks to you」

「It seemed like Hayate is weak in mornings, should I wake you up like this way every day. It's a hassle to shout many times to wake you up.」

「I will wake up at once from tomorrow, so spare me this」

Hayate requested.

Sherry without saying yes to it; she stripped off her T-shirt and stood up.

Once again having the whole of her body in front, Hayate in a hurry turned back.

She like that headed towards the wardrobe, and started to choose her today's underwear.

「Well then, shall we head to the classroom today too」

「?」

Hearing the rare and strange restless voice from her, Hayate tilted his head.

「Was there something today?」

「Yeah, to us it's a very important day」

Sherry answered as such while putting on the jet-black underwear.



「The results of Midterm examination will be revealed today」



Diaspell Royal Academy. Rivaldi Classroom.

After class the free period for taking lunch came, finally that thing arrived.

「O～i, it seems like the results for midterm examinations is finally out」

Aria said to Hayate and others while waving her hand and entering the classroom.

「You went to look at it for us, eh, thanks」

「No, no. If you really, desperately want to say thanks for it, then bathe together this time」

「I refuse」

The servant maniac-ism of Aria is the same like always at every time.

「Hauuu～, finally the time has come～」

「Hm?」

Abruptly a crying voice came from behind Aria, Hayate looks behind her back thinking who it was.

There Kiruru was shivering while clinging tightly her uniform.

「What happened to Kiruru?」

「It seems like Kiruru is afraid of her result. She's been like this since the morning」

「After all, it can't be anything other than lowest score!」

「It'll be fine, be calm. I'm by default in danger before you, so it definitely won't become the lowest score!」

「But～」

While shivering like a small animal, Kiruru made her body tremble many times.

She did show a brave and gallant expression during the time of battle, but in daily life she relied on Aria, it seemed.

*Well, leaving that aside.*

「We have waited for 2 weeks for the results to come out. Shouldn't we too quickly go and see it」

「You're right」

Hayate nodded to Sherry's words, they four together headed towards the bulletin board in entrance hall where the results were being showed. Reaching there, the front of bulletin board was crowded with students who came with same motives as that of Hayate and others.

「There are just too many people」

「They all are probably worried about their own results」

「That's true」

Even though, with this much people they couldn't possibly move forward. It's doubtful whether they would be able to confirm their results before the free period was over.

「Slave. It's fine to take out the sword, so kick all the people in front」

「As if I can do that, Dumbass」

「Dumbass?」

「Sorry, My Lady」

「Then, take out the sword」

「Rejected」

Hayate can take out the sword of fire 「Laevateinn」 by overlapping the sword crest on the back of his right hand with that of Sherry's chest.

However, using something that dangerous to kick out the girls in front of him was out of question.

*Well, it's not like Sherry is seriously meaning it.....*

「Even if I can raise my chest later with pride?」

「.....」

*I don't think she's serious. I believe her.*

*But still.....well, Sherry too is a human child. How can she not be worried about her results?*

*Furthermore, Sherry has a goal to become the strongest Hexenritter. She would regain her family after becoming the strongest Hexenritter. It's her dream and the reason I fight as her manservant.*



The result announcement was her first step to her dream.....her feeling to know the results might be more than others.

「Hm.....The result really can't be seen from here, huh」

She was right now too trying to look at the paper with results written while stretching her back straight.

He couldn't see her like this. Kicking them all was naturally still rejected, but there was no problem in asking them to give space.

「Hey, umm.....」

「Eh? Kyaa! It's a man!」

「Heh?」

Hitting the shoulder of girl, she raised a scream, on which Hayate was shocked.

Moreover the scream propagated, the girls in front of bulletin board immediately looked back one by one.

「It really is that man from before」

「That one who is a servant and can still use 「Wand」 ?」

「It's said he defeated the Cyclops alone」

「He even won against that Victoria-san」

「.....It's somewhat embarrassing」

In the whispers from surrounding had strange errors and exaggeration, like Hayate didn't use 「Wand」 but 「Seele」 , or it wasn't him alone who defeated Cyclops, but hearing even the wrong praises his back started to itch.

*But well it doesn't feel bad.....when he thought that.*

「But Hayate-san is really fast when picking-up」

「You mean?」

「He does lewd things with girls really quickly, it seems」

「In the same room as that of his contractor, Sherry-san」

「Strange sounds come from the room every night」

「Kiruru-san and Aria-san too are his prey」

「It seems like he has even impregnated Victoria-san」

「.....I'm somewhat envious」

The rumour talk suddenly changed to the talk about Hayate's relationship with females, and even the rumours with half-truths and exaggerations are heard.....

「What is that rumour! It's a misunderstanding!」

「 「Kyaaa!」 」

Hayate unintentionally shouts, the girls who were yelled at their misunderstandings scream together and increase their distance from him.

As a result the crowd of people who was blocking Hayate and other's way gets divided into two rows, without any plan or anything the orders from Sherry before are put in work, and the road to the bulletin board was formed.

「.....Here you go, Master」

「You did good work, Slave」

While thanking Hayte who was holding back his tears, Sherry walked between the opened crowds of people boldly. Kiruru and Aria, Hayate too who dropped his shoulders follow her.

Like that everyone comes up in front of bulletin board and start searching their own name in the paper posted on the board.

「Ah, Sherry, here is your name」

「Eh」

Aria found Sherry's name really fast, even the Hayate who was hanging his head down looked up.

「Look, it's 『38th Place』 」

「Err, ah it's true」

Certainly, at the rank she said there was the name 『Sherry Scharlachrot』 . Hayate is her servant that's why his name was not written.

However, that was without a doubt the ranking Hayate and Sherry gained by working together.

「I think there are approximately hundred sixty students in academy, so.....congratulations. It's a high rank with no complaints, right」

「C-Congratulations」

Taking the congratulatory words from the two, Hayate while being shy, and Sherry while smiling replied.

「Thank you, Aria, Kiruru」

「Thank you. With this I'm one more step closer to my goal」



Hayato and others, having checked the results, headed to the dining hall, and the four were eating the meal with each other, as usual.

「Nevertheless, we truly unexpectedly, broke into the Top Rankings」

「Hmm, maybe it was dat solo crushing of Cyclops that lead to high evaluation , I suppose」

「But it wasn't solo, right. Kiruru and others were also fighting」

「We were done in the middle of the fight.....so, I believe it was Hayate-san's power that defeated it」

During the meal, the hot topic was obviously the recently released 『Inter-School Rankings』 and examinations.

「Well, I think dat that it our fight was also properly evaluated. I abstained from the examination during the second phase, even so I got 『78<sup>th</sup> Rank』 . Kiruru also got the 『62<sup>nd</sup>Rank』 . These are ranks which would be in Top Rankings if just we worked a little harder」

「I-It's like a dream to me.....」

Kiruru muttered while flushing her cheeks. It was apparent that the negative feelings from before seeing the results have all blown away.

While watching that childhood friend with a smile, Aria drank a mouthful of the soup.

「Anyhow, from now we all have to be careful」

「Careful, of what?」

He asked a question in return to Aria who just said something with profound meaning hidden behind.



「Aside from Servant Mania like me, normally everyone is desperate to raise their ranks. In that meaning, although you might have high rank, the first-year students having meagre combat experience are the easy prey for the upperclassmen」

「Hiiii~」

Kiruru's spirits swooped down.

Now that she said that, except for the first midterm examinations, the examinations thereafter were conducted in groups of Top Ranks, Middle Ranks and Low Ranks. In short, Hayate and Sherry would take the examinations along with another fellow Top Ranker, while Kiruru and Aria would with fellow Middle Ranker.

「If I'm not mistaken the Top Rankers are those above 『50<sup>th</sup> Rank』 , right..... That means we would be aimed at by people of 『39<sup>th</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> Rank』 ? 」

「That is how it would be. And——」

Sherry drank the tea elegantly and while breathing properly, she calmly added further.

「——In our case, I, the Hexenritter who controls the outcome have extremely low fighting power. At the same time, Hayate's power might be getting publicized, but there might be many fellows who would scheme to defeat the weak me and increase their ranks」

「It is quite a depressing thing」

「You're right. But, we are aiming for the Top of 『Inter-School Rankings』 .....no, the summit of Hexenritters. I can't afford to stumble against an obstacle of this standard」

Sherry spoke out a line that would make some people hearing it enraged, and returned to her tea time.

*Well, it's just as Sherry said.*

For becoming the Strongest Hexenritter there was a need to appear in a fighting tournament called 『Eight Big Walpurgis Night』 , and if they become the top or second ranker in the 『Inter-School Rankings』 , they would be given seed rights for the tournament.

For running through the shortest route to her dream, they didn't had time to stumble at a place like this.

Hayate again motivated himself, and the time he tried to bite into the bread, \*bang\*, a person hitting the table appeared, causing him to almost drop his bread.

「I can't accept it!」

The person who hit the table—Victoria, had raised her slanted eyes more than ever and abruptly yelled at Sherry and Hayate.

「Shaaa!」

Her Servant, the lindworm also flickered, its extended tongue as if trying to threaten them.

「Hyuuu!!」

「Grrrr」

The frightened Kiruru hit behind Aria's back; her Servant, the black dog, for protecting its master, groaned while facing the big serpent with wings.

Within a second.....it turned into a critical atmosphere, but he didn't know why Victoria was angry in the first place.

「Err.....」

「You can't accept? Just what are you talking about?」

Before Hayate, who was intimidated by the vigor of Victoria, Sherry, seeming completely unfazed, asked her.

「Of course I mean about those 『Inter-School Ranking』 ! I'm at the 『45<sup>th</sup> Rank』 , so why are you at the 『38<sup>th</sup> Rank』 !?」

*Ah, I see.....*

Hayate was related to Victoria in a way or another, so he checked her ranking, which truly was 『45<sup>th</sup> Rank』 . Although, for her to protest.....or rather make false accusations was just.....

「Even if you ask why, the Ranks are decided by the Academy, so it would be troubling for me to answer you correctly」

「That is not the problem here!」

「If you're at 『45<sup>th</sup> Rank』 , aren't you a Top Ranker? So what are dissatisfied at?」

「That is obviously about the fact that I lost to someone like you!」

No matter what sound reasoning Sherry replied, the prideful Victoria didn't seem to accept it.

Well it was false accusations, it was fine to leave it to Sherry and forget about it.....just when he thought that,

「Well is it lovers' quarrel?」

「I've heard he could do two at the same time」

「He was summoned as a Servant, as expected, he is a beast on that side too.....」

「Hey, is it true that a child is made by male and female sleeping in the same bed?」

「Can I also talk about that.....」

*It seems like the rumour-damage towards me is increasing!?*

「No way!? It was better with just Sherry-san, but now even Victoria-san.....! .....Ah, but in that case I, to Hayate-san.....Auh! No way a foursome right off the bat.....but if Hayate-san desires for it, I will.....I will do it!」

As a result, Kiruru accepted the groundless rumours going around, and has gone on a trip within her delusion mode.

*If I don't control the situation fast, it would be bad. For me, that is.*

「H-Hey Victoria」

「Heaaa!?!」

Hayate called out to her for mediating between the two, but the moment he does, Victoria backed off while raising a hysteric voice.

「W-W-Wh-What do you want!? Can I ask you to not talk to me suddenly!?!」

「I don't want that to be told from someone who came yelling at us all of a sudden」

「W-Whenever you call out my heart is startled!」

While dying her face crimson, Victoria threw a not quite understandable criticism at him. That looked like a carnage scene to the surroundings girls and Hayate's savage rumours accelerated.

「At any rate, just don't make a racket here! The rumours are already moving in a truly weird way now!」

「I-If you come any closer to me, I will make Lindis bite you!」

「Shaaa!」

The big serpent Servant threatened him, and being flustered Hayate controlled himself.



「I don't think there is a reason to be that wary of me」

「No! You're currently eating lunch, right. It's normal for me to be wary of you!」

「 ? 」

*What is relation between me eating lunch and instigating that big serpent at me?*

「I have heard it.....sometimes boys eat the girls they like. You, want to eat my breasts as the snack, right!? I have already seen through that plan!」

「 「 「.....」 」 」

*Amazing, eh.....This deplorable atmosphere can even cover the whole dining room. It isn't something that any person can make? I knew about Victoria's narrow view of men, but apparently she is having another comical misunderstanding.*

「.....\*exhale\*, Victoria-san, please come here for a moment」

Sherry, having watched over the course of events, heaved a sigh and beckoned Victoria.

「W-What is it?」

「Just lend your ear to me」

Saying that Sherry forcibly neared the other person's ear to her mouth and started whispering something into her ear.....as time went on Victoria's face became more and more flushed.

「Eh.....ah.....so eating meant that.....」

In the end, with a face redder than a ripe tomato, Victoria just moved her mouth trying to say something, but said nothing.

Because the centre of the racket went quiet, a strange silence descended in the dining hall.....at that time, their homeroom teacher Lela appeared at the entrance of dining hall.

「Is Verde here?」

「Wha!? Yeeaashhh!?!」

Victoria's shoulder froze up as if she had taken a surprise attack, and in a panic she turned back.

「There is a visitor. Come with me」

「I-I understand」

Victoria hurriedly left the dining hall as if saying she got saved.

Then the series of short turmoil stopped, and everyone started returning back to their food and chat.

Hayate also ended up feeling tired and tried to finish up the left food.....but before that.

「Sherry, what did you tell to Victoria before?」

「She seemed to have an awful misunderstanding, so I just corrected her」

「.....Ah I see」

Well she wanted to be kind, but it was quite a great thing to whisper some erotic stuff into someone's ears with that calm expression.

Thinking 'good grief', Hayate tasted the coffee in the cup.

「But it was truly an awful misunderstanding. I'm more than enough food for Hayate」

「Boofff!!」



Finishing the their meal, Hayate and others returned to classroom, and after that moved to the mock battle grounds. The first class in the afternoon was Practical Skill Class by Lela.

「With the examinations over, you lowlifes might have become more or less used to using the 『Wand』 . I will tell you all about Magika today」

At the start of class, Lela started her lecture to the students sitting in a row.

「Each 『Wand』 contains their own inherent Magika. Like the skills to attack the opponent, the skills to increase one's ability or the skills to support the allies etc, these all cover a wide range. Among them there are also that need Spells, basically the same as chanting for magic」

「Excuse me, sensei」

One of the students listening to Lela's explanation raised her hand.

「What is it?」

「If it's alright, can we all see Lela-sensei's Magika?」

「Oh my! That is a good idea!」

「Sensei! I also want to see it!」

Other students raised their voice of approval to the girl's suggestion.

Lela tilted her head a little bit,

「My Magika is just of small model, but.....oh well it's fine. Syndolly」

Lela called someone's name and, from her voluptuous breasts—from the slit in her black clothes a fairy with wings growing and dark skin appeared.

*So there was a meaning behind that slit, eh.*

Hayate was surprised a little.

「Hey, that Servant is?」

「It is a Servant called Dverg/Dwerg and also as Black Fairy. Its physical combat strength is low, but added with its high intelligence it can use various sorts of magic. And it likes dark and narrow places」

So that was why Lela wore black clothes usually, she was actually residing the Dverg in the valley between her breasts.

*I can agree to this. It surely is dark and narrow.....the oppressive feeling is also great. It's not like I don't feel envious at that.*

「.....You're watching too much」

「Ah, no.....」

Hayate was staring seriously at Lela's breasts, when he noticed Sherry's cold eyes and flustered.

「Cast——『Dverg Hammer』」

The 『Wand』 Lela called out was a big war mallet that suited her tall figure.

While feeling surprise at the boorish 『Wand』 for the cool Lela, he felt excited at the same time, wanting to know just what sort of skill would be unleashed by that war mallet. How to say.....Hammers had something that tickled the male instincts.

However,

「.....Although I took it out, I won't use this to show the Magika」

Hayate unexpectedly nearly fell over to Lela's words.

「If you want to ask why I took it out then, then let me tell you that it is needed to Cast the 『Wand』 to use Magika. It is impossible to use Magika without the 『Wand』 . Mind you」



Saying that Lela lightly lifted up the 『Dverg Hammer』 and held it pointing forwards.

Doing that, a magic square was deployed in her surroundings and a red-black phosphorescence burst out.

It was just like the sparks that come out when blacksmith hammer the ridiculously hot iron.

「The form be single-edged sword, I grant thee a sword blade like sharpest glass. Manifest, manifest, the sword that cuts everything」

The husky voice of teacher in black clothes keeps on spelling.

The thing she wanted.

The thing she wanted to injure with.

Her Magika manifested.

「Magika—Nizaveryl-Smith」

For the ending Lela muttered the name of her Magika and the magic square started shining furiously—In the next moment, the war mallet she held, changed into a sharp sword so thin, the other side could be faintly seen.

She swung her sword once with a \*woosh\* and returned her eyesight to the students.

「This is one of my Magika called Nezaveryl-Smith. As you can see it is a Magika that can create any weapon the user imagines. For just performance this time, I have granted it only one trait that is 『Sharp Sword Blade』 , but unless the traits don't contradict each other, I can infinitely keep on granted it traits」

Hearing it could create any weapon, albeit some restraints, the students let out sighs of admiration.

Lela didn't particularly respond to that and gently brushed the head of the Black Fairy, resting on her shoulder.

「Incidentally it is better to have a minimum design for the shape. The final adjustments are done by this Syndolly. However, as more traits are granted, the more time it takes to create and the burden of Servant would also increase. And during the creation process, I am defenceless, so if I erred in its use, it's the end」

Creating the most optimum weapon at the most optimum timing, one would dominate that situation, and there would be a need to judge the situation within a moment for that, if not done properly, a big chance would be given to opponent.....is what she said, eh. Indeed, the skill seemed hard to use.

Lela returned the single-edged sword to its original war mallet form. Seeing its owner doing that, the Black Fairy sitting on her shoulder infiltrated the valley between Lela's breasts, as if saying its work was over.

「My Magika was not an easy to understand offensive or defensive type, so it wouldn't have been much of a help, but, the Magika just simply increase the range of tactics than when only using 『Wand』 . For surviving in 『Ranking Competition』 or fights against Demonic Beasts, learning this would be required」

「Sensei! Won't you show us your other Magika?」

「If I use it at this place you lowlives would also be engulfed in that, are you fine with that?」

「 「 「 「 「.....! (shake shake)」 」 」 」 」 」

「I see」

The students, including the girl who questioned, shook their heads, and seeing that Lela nodded.

「Next is, how you would be able to use the Magika.....or rather, how would you release the Magika」

*Release?*

Seeing Lela correcting her words, Hayate and several other people bend their heads slightly to one side.

「The first condition is to gain mastery in using the 『Wand』 itself. It can only be done by training and forging yourself. The stronger you become the more Magika would be released」

It was a truly easy to understand condition. Lela inserted “next is” between her words.

「The second condition is the mutual trust relationship with the Servant」

「Mutual trust relationship.....is it?」

One of the female student looked at the face of her Servant with a bewildered expression.

「Kwuu~」

Her Servant was a big bird that could fly while a person riding on it—It is called Griffon apparently— but, contrary to its appearance, it had a quite cute cry.

Maybe because of that gap it looked cuter. Even the relationship with its master seemed favourable.

「It means that just being friends won't cut it. What's needed is a "relationship where you both believe each other and rely on each other". For that deep mutual understanding is required. If you don't even know what your Servant can do and can't do, it won't be much of a help and you won't rely on it much. The same condition goes for the Servants」

The students nodded to Lela's talk.

「I said 『release the Magika』 before, that meant, if you meet the two requirements of having enough ability and mutual trust relationship with your Servant, the chest that been locked till now would open up and the contents inside of it would be released. Like that, the way to use the Magika would naturally enter the head of Hexenritter」

*Is it the same when I learnt the True Name of 『Lævateinn』 ? At that time, a strange song with the true name of sword entered into my brain.*

*Seems like both 『Wand』 and 『Seele』 are trying to conjecture capability of their users. They would only grant the Magika to only the owner who has the power worthy for it.....or so I think.*

「Then break up within each Area, and start the intensive training with the goal of obtaining Magika. If you have any questions ask me. And the people who think they have released the Magika, report to me first before trying out the skill, because there is a danger of inuring the surroundings」

Lela informed them about the precautions and the students scattered in various places of the Area. Among them, there were some who immediately questioned her.

「Well then, what will we do?」

Hayate asked Sherry's opinion with the meaning of whether to start training or learn some secret from Lela.

*.....Huh? Now that I think about it, what would happen in our case?*

In their case, although Sherry is the Hexenritter and Hayate is the Servant, but it is Hayate who fought while holding 『Seele』 . It was just the opposite of the normal Hexenritters.

*Or do the basics don't change even in our case? Even Lela said that a relationship where we both believe each other and rely on each other was important. If one side wouldn't become the main person, isn't it the same as us then?*

While Hayate was thinking seriously, Sherry peeked at his face from below all of a sudden.



「Owahh!」

「What are you thinking with that rare serious crappy face? Did you hear what I said?」

「Eh? Err.....」

Thinking back on it, it was Hayate who threw the question about what to do. Immediately after, he immersed himself into his own thinking, leading to not hearing her words.

「Sorry. I wasn't listening」

「I see. Then it is you that is in the wrong for not listening」

He wasn't even given the time to ask "what was it"?

\*plump\*

「Wha!?!」

「How is it? Do you feel good?」

Without any hesitation, Sherry—grabbed the right hand wrist, and forcibly pressed his palm onto her chest—and asked without caring about it.

*Of course it feels good.....*, but the problem wasn't there.

「W.....hy, are.....you doing this all of a sudden?」

「This is the improvement of our mutual trust relationship—in short the communication for increasing the intimacy level. Didn't I suggest this just before? But oh well you didn't hear it yourself」

「Isn't this reverse sexual harassment with the name of communication!」

「After all, haven't we already done the kissing part. Even then the Magika hasn't been released means that we have increase our intimacy, right?」

「I-Is that how it is.....?」

「That is how it is. In short, Hayate is obliged to touch and feel my breasts」

「.....No, I won't be deceived. The intimacy and mutual trust relationship is.....just not something like this!?!」

「Oh? Considering all that, your hand seems to have no intention of let go off my breasts」

「.....!」

The reason he couldn't let go was because Sherry was grabbing his wrists.....no, if he tried to shake off forcibly it was possible, but it was the truth that he couldn't shake and untangle the luscious temptation coming from the five fingers that had sunk into the half naked "northern hemisphere".....he hated himself for yielding to the lust.

「Aanh.....」

Maybe he put power unintentionally that Sherry let out a voice with red cheeks.

.....Although what she did was bold, her expression was of a maiden who knew nothing of disgrace. No, it might be like that in truth. While feeling shy having her breasts fondled by a man, she was thinking that it was fine whatever Hayate did with her.

「Here, if you like it, you can fondle it thoroughly」

While she said those words from her mouth, he could feel her heart beating faster from the sensation coming from the palm that was stuffed deep into her breasts.

*What is it.....this erotic yet cute.....unbearable, lovable feeling. All these feelings have jumbled up, and are about explode any second now!*

But before that happened,

「Scharlachrot. I don't care about you two flirting with each other, but the class is still going on」

「Ah.....」

Lela called out to them from the side. Hayate noticed the current situation quickly.

The situation in which, he was fondling the breasts of Sherry.....in front of near twenty students, albeit they were scattered here and there in the whole Area.

「H-How immodest!」

「To do in front of people, he's truly a beast.....」

「But Sherry-san seems to be feeling good」

「Does it feel better than touching them herself.....?」

The girls here and there forgot about the class, and with more or less red faces they were looking at the arguing of Hayate and Sherry—or rather, the erotic act of Hayate with curious eyes.

「Oh shit.....this is, um that.....just not what it seems like!!」

Hayate let go off her breasts and shouted out a line that didn't even pass as an excuse.



Hayate, having taken a heavy mental damage, was walking in the corridors with wavy steps.

Sherry wasn't beside him. He was unusually alone.

*This is truly awkward.....without calming down I can't even face her.*

He was walking like this for cooling down, but whenever he was careless, he recalled the feeling of touching Sherry's breasts with his palm.....leading to his bodily heat never lowering down.

*Now that I think about it, even when we were making a ruckus there, Victorias didn't complain today.*

For changing the thoughts, he recalled the girl with blond ringlets.

*Huh? Wait a minute, was she present in the class before?*

Because the Event had a severe Impact that he didn't had confidence in the memories of that time.

*I still remember Lela saying something about visitor or something.....*

While Hayate was trying to recall about the lunch time, he collided head-on with a person, who, all of a sudden, jumped out from the corner of corridor.

「Oops!」

「Kyaa!」

Fortunately, they bumped and crossed each other, and so they both, with a start, stood petrified.

Reflexively he gazed at the face of the other person.....and there was the girl he was recalling just now, Victoria, looking at him with the same petrified expression as Hayate.

「H-Hey. What happened? For you to be here」

For the time being, as a light greeting, he raised up one of his hand, but,

「E-e-e-excuse me!」

For some reason, as soon as Victoria saw Hayate's face, she ran in the opposite direction than the one she was originally going on, and disappeared.

*What was that? Did she had another misunderstanding regarding men.....?*

While titling his head, Hayate noticed someone's handkerchief fallen on the ground.

Just by looking it seemed like a high-class item (or rather, every person in this Academy had high class items only) with a sparkling design. Judging from the fact he couldn't see anyone in the surroundings, apparently it was something Victoria dropped.

「Well, I can return it in the classroom」

Thinking that he put the handkerchief into his pocket, but—his plan went wrong. Victoria was absent in the next class, continuing onwards it was after-school.

*It can't be helped. I will deliver it to her room.*

「I found a lost property today, so thinking to return it」

「Remember to be back before the time for part-time job」

Nodding at Sherry's words, he left the classroom before her and returned to the dorm.

「Eerr, Victoria, Victoria.....oh here」

Looking at the board with assignment of rooms, he confirmed the room number of Victoria. While trotting the stairs, he found the door with the room number he was after.

「Hey, Victoria」

He knocked and called out her name, but even after waiting for some time, no reply came back.

*Did she not return to her room?*

*In that case where is she to even take absence from the class? However I also have the part-time job, I can't be waiting here too much.* Hayate gripped the doorknob—and contrary to his expectations, the door easily opened.

「.....Is she inside?」

Or maybe she forgot to lock the door, in that case he reconsiders to just put the handkerchief inside. It wouldn't be a problem if he left a letter beside it.

Hayate quickly resolved and trying not to make any noise, opened the door.

Entering inside he left the handkerchief and a small memo on the table, and tried to leave, at that time—\*clang\* the sound of door opening rang out.

「.....!」

At first he flustered thinking Victoria returned, but the door leading to corridor was tightly closed.....in turn, the door of the personal bathroom, that were present in every room within the dorm, was opening.

*Shit!? That Victoria was bathing, eh!? Or rather, at least reply if you're in the room!?*

*In that case I wouldn't have trespassed into your room.....thinking that Hayate was flustered and the door completely opened.*

「Victoria, you returned, huh?」

From the bathroom an U.N.F.A.M.I.L.E.R F.E.M.A.L.E came out while wiping her hair with bath towel.

「Eh?」 .....*Who is she?*

Reacting to the accidental voice leak, the female noticed Hayate.

「.....」

She seemed somewhat older than Hayate. The girl was showing her mature feminine body line, but she neither screamed nor did she seem flustered, rather she gently wiped off her hair and put the towel on her shoulders. Thanks to that the tip of her breasts was covered but.....there were still various places she needed to hide.

「Ah, err, I-I'm sorry!」

He belatedly realized himself staring fixedly on the naked body of the girl, and in a panic turned around while apologizing.

「.....」

Even after turning around, no jeers came from the girl as he had expected, and only the silence reigned over in the room.

*Just who is she?*

Originally, the students living in the dorm were given rooms for living alone. In other words, there shouldn't be someone else who would use this room other than Victoria. And there is a large public bath, so it would be ridiculous for someone else to deliberately come to her room. In that case, Hayate definitely had no idea about the nude girl standing behind her.

He didn't know who the other person was, and she was also not talking. Having said that, it would be awkward to start up a conversation right after seeing her nude.....at that time, while Hayate was greatly perplexed, the door leading to corridor opened and a third person entered the room.

「Onee-sama, I've brought everything you wanted」

Rather than third person, it was the owner of this room.





Victoria, holding a paper bag near her chest said 「Onee-sama」 while seeing the nude girl. Next she noticed Hayate inside the room and raised a scream.

「Hayate Mitsurugi! W-Why are you in my room!? And why Onee-sama, n-naked.....!?」

「No, don't misunderstand! I was just here to give back the handkerchief!」

「Don't lie! Then why are together with my naked Onee-sama」

「That was an accident!」

While the two were making a ruckus, the person concerned and the victim (?) called 「Onee-sama」 didn't speak any word, and was putting on her underwear silently.

—However the moment she heard the name of Hayte, her eyes became grim for an instant, but the other two didn't notice that.

「A-Anyhow, I came here to return the handkerchief you dropped in the corridor. My work time was also near, so I entered the room, yet there was no reply. Therefore I left it along with a memo on the table, and was thinking to return! I had never thought there would be a person in the bath.....rather who this person is!？」

「.....」

Seeing the handkerchief and memo on the table, Victoria, although still glared at him, but believed his words.

「.....She is Sylvana Onee-sama. The current head of the Verde Family」

「Your sister.....?」

「Indeed」

The girl who had been silent all the time—Sylvana gave affirmation to Victoria's words, and called out to Hayate that it was fine to turn around.

Thanks to Sherry, Hayate had grown a distrust to the words 『I'm done wearing clothes』 spoken by girls, and so he extremely slowly turned around just his head. Seeing Sylvana truly wearing clothes, he finally turned around his body.

Like that, again looking at Sylvana and Victoria, they were looking too similar to be called sisters. Their bright blond hairs were as like as two melons, their faces too were somewhat similar. So to say, even their outstanding proportions were also similar.

The 「visitor」 for Victoria might've been this girl.

「.....」

Sylvana didn't talk much, maybe she was an uncommunicative person.

*These two are bipolar sisters. Victoria is noisy as ever, and this one is extremely silent one.*

Anyhow, the first impression Hayate got from Sylvana was something like that.

「.....So then? Do you have some other work, other than returning back the handkerchief?」

Victoria asked with a blunt attitude. He thought that she probably was still angry, but.....for some reason, every word she said today seemed ooze with a feeling 「of not wanting Hayate and her sister to be together」, or so he had a hunch.

「Well, I'm done with my work」

「Then can I ask you get lost from here quickly? This is my room after all」

Although he felt discomfort at Victoria's attitude, but having been said that he couldn't do anything else.

「Err, I'm truly sorry for before」

「Uh huh」

Apologizing one last time to Sylvana, Hayate left Victoria's room behind.

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The next day.

Lela standing on the platform in Rivaldi Classroom informed something like this in the morning.

「Two weeks from now, the 『Ranking Competition and Tag-team Examinations』 will be held」

*Tag-team Examinations?*

It was a word not familiar to Hayate, but apparently the girls in the classroom understood it, and some students were even nodding.

「You all might still vividly remember about the 『Inter-School Rankings』 that were released yesterday. Everyone must already understand to where they belong, whether it is Top Ranks, Middle Ranks or Low Ranks. The tag-team examination this time, just as the names says, is about tag-team match based on Ranks」

In short it was an examination where the Hexenritters of the same rank would form a tag team, and fight against the other tag team.

The total of Ranks of members in the tag team are taken in heed, based on that the teachers set the cards with a tag team with same total Ranks. Differing from Tournament or Battle Royal, the result of that one fight would be reflected on the results of each member.

「But isn't the 『Walpurgis』 a battle royal where a person fights alone against all others? Then why is there an tag-team examination?」

Sherry replied to Hayate's naïve question.

「Well as much as 『Walpurgis』 is important, the main duty of Hexenritters i.e. To protect the country and people is also important. For example, when one enters the Chivalric Order, but couldn't coordinate with others, wouldn't it be a big problem?」

「I see now.....but, isn't that quite foolish?」

「What is?」

Sherry cocked her head slightly.

She seemed to not understand the weight behind the situation, so Hayate taught her politely.

「Aren't the people who would make a tag-team from the same Ranks?」

「Yeah. I'm a Top Ranker, so I can only form a team with another Top Ranker」

「Aria and Kiruru are in Middle Ranks. You don't have any other friend, so there is no one who would form a team with you, aren't I right?」

「.....」

Sherry quickly held back her expression.

She finally understood about the situation.

Hayate nodded in satisfaction when suddenly Sherry pinched his buttocks.

Regarding Hayate, having endured from screaming, Sherry muttered in a cold tone.

「If you treat me as a loner.....will cry」

「W-Will cry, you?」

「No, you」

「Why is it me!?!」

「I will make you cry」

「I was in the wrong!」

Hayate begged for forgiveness in a panic.

「Shut up you lowlifes」

Lela threw the chalk at them, which Sherry easily dodged but in turn it stuck in the forehead of Hayate.

「Ugggguuuuuhh」

Hayate nearly fainted in agony.

As if to emphasize it finally became silent, Lela brought the explanation of examination to an end.

「Notify to me about the person you will make a pair with, by today I mean. If you are any later, it would be taken as abstinence. The briefing about examination ends with this. You all should try to get done with your primary preparations」

Lela said that and left. A second later, the girls in the classroom started negotiating with each other, while voices that more or less were like “Will you pair with me?” started resounded from everywhere.

Of course, Sherry was outside that circle, while sitting in the corner of the classroom.....

「So? What are you going to do about the problem?」

「.....Nothing in particular. There aren't many Top Rankers among the first-year students in the first place. Let's go to the upperclassmen's classroom after the school and search for someone who would join with us, right?」

「So only that is left, huh」

Hayate nodded while resting his chin on one hand.

*Hm? Wait a sec, isn't Victoria also a Top Ranker?*

*Then Sherry can form a tag team with Victoria.*

But, Hayate soon gave up on his idea.

*Even if I or Sherry pleaded, she would only refuse it, it's quite obvious.*



There was a little trouble yesterday too. Even if they asked for forming a team she would flatly reject them. To boot, the possibility of her asking us to form a team was obviously low.....

「Excuse me, Scharlachrot-san」

At that time, the aforesaid Victoria called out to Sherry.

Hayate never had thought that she would come talking to them out of her own accord and at this timing, hence he was slightly surprised. Although Sherry didn't show any expression, she also was probably feeling the same.

「Do you have any work with us? Vicotria-san」

「Isn't it natural that I have some work. If not, I would never call out to you」

「Yeah, indeed. So, your work is?」

Sherry smoothly eluded Victoria's unsociable manner of speaking.

「.....!」

Victoria firmly closed her eyes as if in agony of something while her mouth was twitching.

And, she opened her eyes filled with determination and pointed her index finger covered in a white glove towards Sherry.

「In this examination, I will give you the offer to form a team with you!」

「Eh? I don't want to」

.....She replied immediately.

On the other hand, Victoria, having invited her after resolving, resented her curt reply.

「At least think for a bit!」

「.....Yeah, I still don't want to」

「I didn't mean to think and then reject me」

Victoria stomped her feet.

「Don't complain and form a team with me!」

「Aren't I refusing all the time. You're too obstinate」

「Just what do about me gives you dissatisfaction!？」

「I see. I can line up near 10 reasons, but do you surely want to hear that?」

「Ugh.....」

「Let me ask you, why do you want to pair with me? Its' not like we have a friendly relation too, right?」

「T-That is.....」

Having been questioned, Victoria faltered.

「.....?」

*Did she just send a fleeting glance at me? Is it my imagination?*

Although he was curious of Victoria's glance, but Hayate didn't cut into the conversation of the two.

「A-Anyways, this great me is giving you an invitation, just accept this kind offer obediently!」

「I don't like that condescending attitude」

「~~~~!」

No matter what she said, there wasn't any favourable reply, and tears started accumulating in the corner of her eyes. Finally, she grabbed the hem of her skirt and shouted out desperately with a red face.

「You.....! You're too much conceited when you don't even had any other friends to team up with!」

「.....(stab)」

*Ah, just now something stick into Sherry's breasts.*

「To begin with you're too much obstinate and your personality also is a failure. Isn't that the reason for not being able to make any friend!? Before summoning that man you're were just sitting alone in the corner of school cafeteria every single day!」

「.....(stab stab stab)」

「Let alone the tag-team examination this time, weren't your singled out in the classes that asked to form a pair of two! You loner of loners, great loner girl! From now onwards you're nicknames is loner girl!」

「.....(stab stab stab)」

「Hey, you, sto-.....」

Hayate, hearing till now from the sides, felt a sense of impending danger and interjected to stop Victoria.

But, she, having her feelings too worked up, tried to thrust away Hayate, who was trying to interfere with her.

「What did you say!? Better withdraw right now!」

「No, like this it will dangerous for you.....」

Hayate tried to amicably end all this, but—\*clatter\*, he sensed someone standing up from the seat right behind him.

「She-Sherry.....?」

Hayate timidly turned behind. Sherry, standing behind him.....had her usual cool expression.

*But, that usual expression is the most terrifying!*

「Who.....」

While maintaining her cool expression, she tightly gripped the whip for punishment in her right hand.

「Who is that personality-failure, pessimistic, communicative disorder-suffering, pair-forming phobia girl?」

「!?」

She let out outrageous killing intent that even Victoria had to shut up.

Sherry wasn't someone who would forgive the other person for just shutting up, but—hearing the words Victoria spoke next while shivering, the whip that was about to fall down stopped midway.

「I-I want to request a quest for you from my family」

「——」

*Quest?*

It was again a word unknown to Hayate, but seeing Sherry's reaction, it was quite the important thing, apparently.

Victoria continued on in a fluster while still gazing at the tip of whip.

「However there is a condition. That is to form a team with me and show your abilities in the next examination.....if you could do it, Onee-sama, the head of family, would personally request the quest」

「.....Hmm」

While lightly hitting the whip with her palm, Sherry kept silent to investigate the words of Victoria.

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—In the end,

Sherry ended up forming a tag team with Victoria.

Hayate was quite interested in knowing about the thing called 「Quest」, but he was told that it would be useless if they lost in the examinations, and was promised to be explained about it on a later date.

At any rate, like this Hayate and Sherry challenged the examinations along with Victoria.

Incidentally, Kiruru and Aira also seemed to have teamed up together.

「Uuuu~, I also wanted to team up with Hayate-san」

「You're right. If we teamed up, I could have given a reason about solidifying the teamwork, and could've fiddled with Hayate-kun's body」

「I won't let you!」

After doing a conversation like this, we left them and started our training.

In the end tag-team examinations, were nothing but shit unless the two people—well, Hayate and others were 3 in a sense—worked together smoothly. Even more when the people they would clash against in the next examinations were, without a doubt, the upperclassmen. They were compelled to fight against opponents having lot more amount of experience.

That's why, they had to cooperate with each other, but.....

「Hey! You're a obstacle there!」

「How about trying to take action after thinking a bit more」

「Why did you say!?!」

\*clink\*

「Owww!」

The whip swung by Victoria landed on the back and Hayate screamed while jumping up and down.

It was practical skill class right now. They were training with the pair they just made for increasing their cooperation ability, but.....they didn't seem to work together smoothly, to the extent that one could laugh out loud.

「Like I said to not enter in the shooting line of my whip!」

「Hayate's attack power is far above. It is you who needs to support us both」

\*scream squeal\* Sherry and Victoria again started their noisy quarrel.

*\*sigh\*.....can we win against upperclassmen pair like this?*

*I'm not confident.* He was extremely anxious.

「You seem to lot of room to look away」

「!」

Hayate stopped the sword coming at him from the front by using 『Lævateinn』 .

Lela nodded in satisfaction upon seeing him blocking against her sword.

「Hmm.....now the next one」

「!」

\*clang\* \*cling\* \*clang\*

Due to the successive attacks leashed out by Lela, they were cornered into fighting a defensive battle.

There was no other Top Rankers in the Rivaldi Classroom, hence they were taking personal training by their teacher, but, this was.....

「Wait! Owaah!?!」

Harder than what he had thought.

Lela's 『Wand』 was originally just a war mallet, but thanks to her Magika, Nizaveryl-Smith, she could create various sorts of weapons. She seemed to have trained a lot for using whatever weapon it was, all in order to make the best use of her all-purpose rich ability.

「Kuh!」

「You're quite good」



「No, just, what, is that! Joke!」

Hayate was only being pressed down by the proficient sword skills of Lela.

However, the teacher apparently didn't flatter him.

「My sword is just an odd thing. It can't rival against an expert of any single fighting style—but, it also isn't something that just some lowlife student can cut through. Even more so, when the opponent is someone who had gripped the sword for the first time just some days ago」

「——」

Just like the teacher in black clothes said, it was only recently that Hayate got hold of 『Laevateinn』. Even if his physical abilities were enhanced thanks to the benefits of 『Laevateinn』, it didn't mean he could easily acquire the movements to use sword—in short, the sword skills.

In that sense, Hayate's sword skills currently were already improving at an abnormal speed.

Otherwise.....yes, it was almost like his body had the sword skills deeply engrained. Hence, although he didn't have any memories of cultivating the sword, his body might remember that.

*Does this also has something to do with my past.....?*

For an instant, Hayate's mind became bothered by something else, and he lost concentration.

「Hayate! Evade to left!」

「Hayate Mitsurugi! Step aside to right!」

「Eh?」

Two voices flew at him from behind—and very next second, the ice magic unleashed by Sherry and the whip 『Wand』 swung by Victoria, both exploded on the back on Hayate.

「Gaaaaaaaahhhhh!!」

—Well, holding anxiety for the whole time, the practical skills class ended.

「Good grief! Thanks to you even my evaluation has degraded!」

「What is this drill saying. It's you who was the real nuisance to us」

「Whose hair style is a drill!?!」

「You people.....」

On the way back to classroom from the mock battle grounds, Hayate heaved sigh seeing the two still quarrelling.

「How about getting along with each other! Didn't Lela also say at the end of class? To synchronize the daily lifestyles with the partner one is teamed up with, until the examinations are over」

Because of that, she had also said to do everything together, including the classes.

*Lela's words were, as a matter of fact, completely right, or so I think.*

「「.....Hmph!」」

*So you both are in perfect sync in stuff like this.....*

*The future looks grim for us.....think that Hayate tried to heave another sigh, at that time.*

「Victoria」

「O-onee-sama!?!」

Victoria's elder sister, Sylvana appeared from the other side of corridor and came near them.

「W-Why might you be here? Weren't you staying in the room?」

「.....I was inspecting Victoria's class」

Sylvana blandly replied to Victoria, who acting strangely at the sudden appearance of her sister.

She glanced Hayate and Sherry for an instant, and beckoned her sister to the corner of the corridor. Like that they started talking about something.

While gazing at the two sisters talking in the corner of corridor, Sherry tilted her head, puzzled.

「That is the current family head of Verde Family.....huh. Just what might her business might be?」

「Well isn't it just because she wanted to see her little sister's state.....ah, maybe it is about that quest or what from before? There was a condition of us displaying our abilities, so maybe she came to check it」

「It might be that, but wouldn't it be alright if she asked Victoria-san to report about the results. I can't understand the reason for the family head to show up at the Academy」

「Hmmm」

Hearing that, Hayate also got his curiosity piqued as to why did Sylvana beckon Victoria. Although, it wasn't like he could know the answer by just thinking.

He somehow tried to eavesdrop on their conversation.

「Just as I heard in the rumours——」

「Mother and Father are——」

「The issue about Quest remain the same——」

Hmm, apparently it was only Sylvana talking one-sidedly while Victoria was listening to all of it, silently.

「Anyhow the decision of the Family is absolute. Don't forget the other command too」

Maybe she spoke those words with a raised voice that even Hayate could clearly hear it.

「.....Yes, Onee-sama」

Victoria nodded hesitatingly at the words of her elder sister.

The talk was finished with that, and they both returned to the place where Hayate and Sherry were standing.

「Well then, I will return back to my house. Victoria.....do it properly」

Sylvana left after saying the words of encouragement (?). She probably would return to Victoria's room.

*Somehow, from the beginning till end, she seemed to have a sour look and also looked like an unsociable person.....it is an expression that is hard to read, in another sense, if comparing with Sherry.*

*In Sherry's case, the emotions seemed to be under constraint, but in Sylvana's case it seems somehow different. If saying cool, then it sure was.....*

「How to put it, you sure have an unusual sister」

「Wha.....! Are you making a fool of my Onee-sama!?!」

「No, I didn't mean it like that」

「Onee-sama is an extremely superior Hexenritter! She has even appeared in the 『Brynhildr Cup』 !」

「『Brynhildr Cup』 ? Do you mean the final tournament of 『Eight Big Walpurgis Night』 ?」

The big fighting tournament called 『Eight Big Walpurgis Night』 that was held by the eight continents present on the tournament, for throughout the year, its final tournament—in other words, the 『Brynhildr Cup』 was a tournament where the winners of domestic tournaments held within each country, gathered and fought for supremacy.

The fact that she appeared in that meant that, Sylvana won in the 『Walpurgis』 held in Starfarm Kingdom, and gained the title of Kingdom's Strongest.

*In other words, she is a really strong person. Well that's a given eh, after all she is a family head. I don't know if the family head of Noble Families are all inevitably powerful, but it's better to have true strength than not having it, probably.*

While Hayate was nodding to his own selfish explanation, Sherry pulled his cuff.

「Come on, let's go to the dining hall」

「Oh, you're right」

Thinking on it, it was already the time for lunch. After the practical skill class, his stomach was very hungry.

「W-.....Wait a minute!」

「Hm?」

「Ah, err.....err」

Victoria, having called Hayate and Sherry to halt, seemed to be chewing on her words.

「What happened? I'm quite hungry right now, though」

While emphasizing the implicit meaning of hurry up and speak, Hayate urged her with his own words.

While being sullen at his attitude, Victoria gathered her strength and—

「I.....I'm think that it's fine to give you two the right to eat lunch together with me!」

She said those words in a loud voice while blushing so hard that even a ripe tomato would lose in red colour.

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Long reminiscence finishes.

Like that Hayate ended up eating lunch together with Victoria, but, the two girls were still continuing on their quarrel with Hayate in between them.

「To begin with, isn't it you who came to eat lunch with us all out of your own accord? Even so, you are trying to become intimate with *my* Hayate.....how about having some modesty?」

「I don't want to be preached on about modesty from you!」

*Just why did it end up like this? I can't recall anything that lead to this.....*

They teamed up with Victoria, and were going to take on the examination two weeks from now, that was fine.

The problem was the hopeless difference in the combination of the two. It was good idea from Victoria to eat lunch together for making up for that defect. That idea even agreed to Lela's words 「synchronize the daily lifestyles」 .

*So, how did, that become, like this?*

「Anyway! This is a part of training for the tag-team examination! There is nothing to be guilty of! H-here, Hayate-san, eat mine」

Victoria grabbed Hayate's arm while standing up and pulled him to separate him from Sherry.

Her chest descended on the tip of his elbow.

「~~~~ !」

This was it. The reason that had been bothering, troubling and making him break out cold sweat.

*Just what does this girl want to do? Ever since coming to dining hall it's been like this.*

Putting aside his bewilderment, Victoria was leaning her voluptuous body on Hayate while blushing hard.

At that time, it turned \*boing boing\*.

It also turned \*crumble crumble\*.

And also \*shake it shake it\*.

It was, by all means, beyond help. Hayate was attacked by the temptations that stimulated his manly instincts. His body temperature increased kicking aside the reasoning and feelings, and even his heartbeat increased by a notch.



And, Sherry, having been shown Hayate's that side so closely, also stood up while her eyes were twitching.

「I see.....if you want to lay hands on my manservant, I won't go easy then!」

「Bring it on.....!」

A chill started oozing out of Sherry's whole body that would make anyone shudder; meanwhile Victoria also braced her expression sternly and took on the war stance.

The atmosphere seemed that a war would start with Hayate, who was sitting on the chair, in between them.

At that time,

「Well well you two. How about stopping at that place」

The class head of Rivaldi Classroom, and the person who eats lunch together with Hayate and Sherry, Aria, went round the opposite side of table and forced her way between Sherry and Victoria.

「Aria-san. Can you not interfere? I have to discipline that cow over there」

「Who is a cow!?!」

「Ask your cow tits」

They both increased the dangerousness in air, butt Aria still didn't destroy her calm attitude.

While calming down the two, she abruptly turned around and winked towards Hayate.

*Hm?*

*What is it*, he thought it,

「Hayate-kun. Stand up」

「Eh? Ah, yeah」

But she gave out an abrupt order, and judging from the sign she gave before it meant she must've some sort of plan. Thinking that, Hayate stood up.

「Then, go to the opposite side of the table like that」

「Ah, yeah?」

「Yes, now sit down」

He sat down in accordance to the orders only to find that the seat was just beside Kiruru.

「Ah, Hayate-san」

When Hayate came near her, Kiruru curled her body due to embarrassed, and started worrying about her appearance, as she was wiping her lips with handkerchief.

「Then, I will sit on the opposite side of Kiruru」

Declaring happily, Aria also sat beside Hayate. The position was just like putting Hayate in between Kiruru and herself.

「 「.....」 」

Seeing Aria stealing Hayate with such a natural flow, both Sherry and Victoria were flabbergasted.

*Ah, I see. So she damped their spirits and made them loose their spirit to quarrel any further.*

As Aria aimed, the two lost their will for quarrel and sat down on their seats, disappointedly.

「.....Just when I had though you came to mediate, you had hit me with NTR, why did you steal my Hayate?」

「Yeah. It's not like I was stolen, you know?」

Hayate retorted to Sherry, who was muttering with a strangely serious expression.

「Ahahaha. Unpreparedness is the greatest enemy, Sherry-kun. I am always super interested in Hayate-kun's body」

「Body!?!」

「No, I mean it as a research subject」

Aria explained to Victoria, whose body was stiffened, just for caution's sake.

「sigh.....Well whatever」

While still having a face that showed full dissatisfaction, Sherry heaved a sigh and let out the power of her shoulders.

「By the way, Victoria-san?」

「What is it?」

「If you are to spend same lifestyle as us, then you will have to accompany us with the part-time job after the school」

「What! Why do I have to work like commoners!？」

「Isn't it for examination?.....Or was there some other reason for you push forward those tits on Hayate?」

Sharpening her eyes, Sherry shot through at Victoria with just her eyesight.

For a second, she was heavily intimidated by her eyesight, but soon she rearranged her attitude, and

「It's fine! If it's me I can do lowly things like part-time jobs really easily!」

She declared, while laughing loudly.

*Frankly, she is a noble lady that doesn't seem to have even learn the word labour.....would it be okay?*

「Now that you say it, where are Hayte-san and Sherry-san working at?」

Kirurur, seeming to have gained curiosity to this topic, asked about Hayate and Sherry's part-time job.

「It is a maid café called 『Bury-In Café』 」

「Maid café?」

「Err, maid cafés are where the staff wears maid uniforms and serves the customers」

Hayate tried to explain as easily as he could, but—for some reason, Kiruru seemed so much surprised that her eyes became round.

「Ha-Hayate-san, do you also wear the maid uniform!？」

「.....No way in hell! I work behind the scenes. It is Sherry who wears the maid uniform.....」

「Then is Hayate-san putting maid uniform on Sherry-san's body!？」

「Eh?」

*I don't remember saying that.*

*Wait a bit, this conversation feels to have the priority of increasing imagination of others. Don't tell me.....*

「A maid with a collar, isn't this a c-complete sex slave.....! Hayate-san truly was someone like that.....t-there will be a day when Hayate-san would treat me as a bitch and tame me.....fuhe, uhehehe」

*As expected. She entered into delusion mode.*

「Err.....Kiruru?」

「Woof!」

*It's no good. Her mentality had reduced to the level of dog now. She is even revealing her tongue outside while panting.*

*Sending a sidelong glance at Sherry and Victoria who seemed to have found another topic for quarrel, I and Aria looked at each other.....and shrugged out shoulders, as if saying good grief.*



『Bury-In Café』 after the school.

Today too the maid café was greatly flourishing, and the orders came incessantly fluttering towards the behind-scenes. Somehow finishing all that, Hayate finally got the resting time.

He had more or less gotten used to the work, but during peak hours, he still felt dizzy.

Hence he was worried....., or rather anxious at where the natural-born noble lady like Victoria would be able to perform good to the exhausting work of this place.

Coincidentally it was his resting time so Hayate headed to the passage connecting to hall.

In the hall nearly 10 maid girls were working.

Of course there were Sherry and Victoria too, but.....their way of working was bipolar.

「Welcome back, Ojou-sama」

「I'm back, Sherry-chan. You're quite today too~」

Sherry's way of working was flawless as always. She was greeting customers with a full face smile, that she rarely showed to even Hayate, and was taking orders running around here and there. She worked quickly, was sociable, moreover her appearance was extraordinary and hence she was quite popular among the customers.

「H-H-Her-Here i-i-i-is t-th-th-th-the order, p-p-plea—kyaaaaa!」

「Kyaaaaaaa!」

On the other hand, Victoria had been spilling the beverages from the tray and breaking the glass. She was also screaming along with customers. Ever since Hayate was in the kitchen, he had heard this sound a number of times.

*Hmmmm, as expected she isn't used to working.*

Even any outsider could tell that she was holding back others, however,

「She is clumsy girl」

「that is clumsy maid, eh」

A part of customers seemed to like her a lot.

Their way of working was just like antipodes, but their popularity was a tie.

*The world sure is a strange place.*

「Heey Heey, err, Victoria-chan?」

「Yesss! W-What might it be?」

Victoria picking up the broken pieces of glass, stood up in a fluster upon being called out by a customer.

「I have a cat tongue. That's why, can you blow on this coffee to make it lukewarm?」

「Blowing on?」

「See, like that」

That female customer pointed to Sherry who was serving three tables beside her.

「Then, please do, Sherry-chan」

「Yes. Please leave it up to me, Ojou-sama. Please excuse me.....\*fuuu\* \*fuuu\* \*fuuu\*」

Sherry slouched facing the table and blew long breaths on the tea placed in front of that customer.

She was trying to lower down the temperature of the tea, but the customer was only looking at the erotic actions of Sherry, like brushing up the hair near her ear, and pushing her chest up and down every time she took breath. In short it was that sort of service, even some third person could understand that much.

After blowing several times, Sherry smiled at the customer.

「How is it now, Ojou-sama」

「Thank you, Sherry-chan」

Apparently the customer was satisfied, and gave a tip to Sherry.

It was the flawless way of serving customer, by all means.

And, for Victoria, who had been seeing that,

「So, Victoria-chan, can you also blow on my tea?」

「Ah, ugh.....U-Understood」

While answering with a wavering voice, Victoria glared at the steaming coffee cup as though she were watching a demonic beast.

Probably because she had high pride that she secretly grasped her fists with a red face.

Even so maybe she thought that she couldn't lose to Sherry, who had been serving customers flawlessly, and she bent forward with the face colour of a boiled octopus.

Her voluptuous breasts jiggled and created a big cleavage, resulting in customer's eyes to sparkle.

「I-I'm going to do it. \*fu\*.....」

Victoria took a deep breath,

「\*fu\*.....I can't do iitttt!」

And she apparently broke past her shyness levels, and ran away from the table.

「Oops!」

「KYAAA!」

Victoria ran towards the passage Hayate was standing in, and bumped into him in full power.

「Ow, ow, ouch.....」

「Are you fine?」

Hayate lent a hand to her, who had fallen on her backside.

「Ah.....I-I don't need it!」

For a moment she grabbed his hand, but in the middle of it, her face blushed and she brushed away his hand.

「oh god, you seem to be having quite the hard time」

「It's not like that! I can't possibly fall behind in commoners' work.....and what is wrong with this clothing!? The maid in my mansion don't put on skirts like this」

「Even if you say that to me, you see.....」





*It's one of the services of this shop, I can't possibly help with it.*

Be that as it may, looking at the blushed face of Victoria, from shame, he wanted to console her.

「Well, don't be that embarrassed. It looks great」

「.....looks great? Are you saying that this servant appearance is worthy of me?」

「No, I didn't mean it like that」

*I intended to praise her, but she seems angry at me instead. The things called words are surely difficult.*

「I just thought you looked cute in that, just that, no hidden meanings」

*It couldn't be helped so I praised her straightforwardly.*

Doing that,

「Fuueee!？」

Hearing that, Victoria, with still a blushing face, raised a scream and stood up.

「 ? 」

Hayate tilted his head thinking if he said anything wrong to her.

「.....What are you doing?」

At that time, Sherry, apparently finished taking the orders, appeared in the passage holding a bundle of order tickets.

She seemed to be glaring at him.

「No-.....nothing at all!」

As if running away from Sherry's eyes, Victoria hurriedly returned to the hall.

「.....」

「What is it?」

「Nothing in particular」

Sherry replied coldly to Hayate's question, but she seemed to be pouting, or maybe it was his imagination.

# Chapter 02: The Secret to Victory is Harmony?

## Part 1

The tag-team examination was to be held from tomorrow.

*Despite that.....*

「eeek! My hair is frozen!」

「It's your fault to suddenly appear in front of me」

「It can't be helped! If you people are in front I can't use my whip as I want!」

「Then go do rope-jumping behind us!」

「What did you say!?!」

*It is just as it seems like.*

*Sherry and Victoria always quarrel and they never act in synchronization.....ah, me too.*

「Don't quarrel here~」

It was an everyday occurrence for these two to collide, so he couldn't even put power in keeping them in control.

*They are fundamentally a bad-match. They both have egoistic sides in themselves.*

Nevertheless, the examinations were from tomorrow. Even he thought that it wouldn't be a good sign if it kept on going like this.....

「I can't be dawdling at a place like this! Can you not interfere with me!?!」

「That's the same with me」

But it remained just like this.....

It was situation where he couldn't help but sigh.

Moreover, the problem was not only that.....

「Haya-Hayate-san! You're sweating a lot」

「Eh? Ah, you're right」

「\*ahem\*! Then it can't be helped. Because it can't be helped, I will wipe it dry with my towel」

「Come again?」

「Wait a second Hayate. If you're sweating, then let's take a shower together. That way you will feel refreshed」

「What! Can you not interfere in our work, Scharlachrot-san? I will wipe the sweat」

「It is the role of Master to look after their manservant. Yours is the literally useless aid, so better back down」

「Wait, I've dried it up by myself, so just stop」

.....Like that the strange approach by Victoria had been continuing, and as if oppose that Sherry's skinship was getting more radical day by day.....no, to be precise, more erotic.

*Just take yesterday as an example.....*

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「Hayate-san」

「Hm? What happened Victoria?」

Right after the lectures ended, Hayate was called out by Victoria, and he turned around to face her.

After fidgeting for a bit.....she presented the knee-socks she had been wearing towards him.

「S-See.....I will give my knee-socks to you」

「.....No, but why are you doing it?」

「Why, you ask.....don't men like to sniff the scent from things that the girls had worn?」

「You have another great misunderstanding」

No, it wasn't completely a misunderstanding, but offering her knee-socks so suddenly was wrong thing to do as a maiden.

「What are you trying to hand over to my manservant?」

At that moment Sherry restrained Victoria with her dangerous glare.

「I-It's up to me to give whatever of mine, by myself, to Hayate-san!」

However, Victoria objected her without faltering.

*What she just said, can be interpreted as something too erotic.....*

Like that Hayate leapt his thoughts in that escapism manner—and that very instant Sherry stood up on top of her chair, and put her hands inside her skirt all of a sudden.

「Wha!?!」

Based on the height of chair, the standing Sherry's waist area was at a higher place. It was at a position parallel to Hayate's face, when he was sitting. In that situation it was obvious that insides could be seen by him, after she was turning over the hem of her skirt.

「W-What are you doing!!」

「Here. Take it」

While Hayate protested by covering his face with hands.....Sherry handed him something in his hands.

「Bfff!？」

He thought what it was, only to find it was a panty.

Let alone seeing the insides, he was handed that very inside in his hands. Hayate felt his body heat suddenly rising with lot of force. *It is still warm.....oh shit, \*nosebleed\*.*

「Think of it as me and be affectionate with it」

While looking downwards on Hayate, she spoke those words whilst her hands were gripping the hem of skirt.

*OOhhh! I can almost see the inside of that inside now.....!*

「Ho, I-I-I can, I can! Also do that!」

「Yes what!？」

Trying to oppose to Sherry, this time Victoria put her hands in her skirt.

Her thigh joint that wasn't covered by knee-socks were exposed, but.....

「Ugh, Ugh.....Waaaaaaaahhh! Don't think you won with just thiiiiissssssss!」

In the end Victoria lost to shame and turning over her body she escaped from the classroom.

「.....Hmph」

「No, don't make a smug face and get down from the chair. Everyone is watching」

.....*Well, days like these kept on continuing.*

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He didn't know the reason why Victoria suddenly got so clingy to him, but it was obvious that it made Sherry's mood worse and the teamwork was in the process of decline.

「sigh.....stop and let's go to the dining hall. Aria and Kiruru are waiting」

For the examinations tomorrow they didn't go for the part-time job today. Today they had a plan to work out countermeasures of examinations along with Aria and others. Only after finished the after school training.

「That's right. Let's go.....\*yawn\*」

「? It's rare for you to yawn」

「Lack of sleep, I suppose.....don't stare at me」

Maybe she was embarrassed that Sherry averted her eyesight from Hayate with a huff.

There, again, Victoria flared up at Sherry,

「Hmph! Isn't it common sense for Hexenritters for managing their health in good state? Try to stand in the shoes of the person who is made to team up with a half-asleep person!」

「What did you just say?」

「Yes yes yes! Shut up and let's go!」

Hayate headed towards the dining hall while pushing their backs, and met up with Aria and Kiruru.

「Hey, how are you doing?」

「so-so.....yeah, something below that」

In truth it was 「devastatingly below」 from that so-so, but still he glossed his words.

「Well then, it's about the opponents Sherry-kun and Victoria-kun are going face against in examinations」

Just after requesting some beverage from Academy Maid, Aria immediately started to talk.

「I'm sorry, Aria-san. To make you deliberately examine it with us」

「Hm? Don't worry. Sherry-kun and Victoria-kun might be busy with part-time job every day. And I originally liked to examine things」

「Let me thank you after the examinations end」

「Mu. Even I will give my gratitude after the examinations」

「Is dat so? Well I'll be waiting for it」

Aria smiled and replied to the two fighting.

「Miria. Show the pic」

「Kyurururu」

Upon being ordered by Aria, the mechanical owl perched on her shoulder—Miming cried once, and a transparent image was projected in the mid-air.

「What is this? It seems similar to the magic of 《Clairvoyance》 」

「It is the ability of Miria. It is making it easy to see by changing the examined data into a projection」

Aria explained to Victoria tilting her head. Hayate and Sherry had seen that before in the training period with each other, so they weren't particularly surprised.

Just like she said, in the projection from Miria, the images of two girls were reflected and the data and numerical values of them were being reflected.

「The girl on you people's left is Led Cromwell. 『40<sup>th</sup> Rank』 . The Servant is a Gargoyle. It is a winged beast having a tough body like steel. Her 『Wand』 is the rare, Armour Type. Her power is great, but the thing that needs to be paid the most attention is that defensive power. It toughness is best even in the Academy」

Matching the rhythm with the explanation, the projected images kept on changing, and they were able to see the aforementioned Armour Type 『Wand』 .

The 『Wand』 of Led was, just like Aria said, a full-body armour. There was a gigantic shield being carried on the back of armour. Her basic tactics were to defend against attacks with impregnable defense and finally crushing the opponent with pure power.

「Next the one on right is Fortena Gracia. 『36<sup>th</sup> Rank』 . Her Servant is a Kamaitachi. Its appearance is like a weasel though, but it is a Servant that can control the wind at will. Apparently her 『Wand』 is a folding fan that can bring forth wind. Her speciality is long-range attacks with wind blades, and it is said that her image of using the folding fan while dancing is beautiful」

The digital data about Fortena kept on changing in accordance to Aria's explanations, and showed the recorded, 『dancing figure』, which Aria just said. Indeed, her movements seemed more like dancing rather than fighting.

The most of projections were still images, but there were some videos among them, and in that the figures of Led and Fortena fighting other tag-teams was reflected.

「Even so, how did you get all this data and images, Aria-san?」

「Most were what I sniffed out from places, but the last video is something I sneakily ripped by invading the mock battle grounds at that time. But I was found out soon and the fight was cancelled, hence I could only get this much. It would've been best if I could record one or two of their Magikas」

「No, it's enough. No more than enough, to the extent that I feel sorry to let you do something like spies」

Sherry thanked Aria and started rereading the data Aria gathered. While leaving the brain work to her, Hayate started up a conversation with Aria and Kiruru.

「By the way, how about you do? Are you fine with the examinations?」

「Yeah? Well, not bad I say. Kiruru's 『Volcanic Gauntlets』 are strong, so we might win somehow or other」

「No.....it's because Aria gives a cover at back」

*Looks like this pair has no problems. Okay, I'm gonna be frank, I seriously jealous.*

「You two are childhood friends after all. It is natural to be in sync」

「Ah, if talking about synchronization then Led-senpai and Fortena-senpai also seemed to be on good terms」

「Is that so?」

「Yeah. Apparently they have teamed up various times before during tag-team examinations」

「Uheee.....」

*So their teamwork will also be good. Just leave me alone from these increases of anxious factors!*

「Hey, shouldn't we also, finally, divide the roles? At least for the vanguard and rearguard ones.....」



To Hayate's proposal, Sherry and Victoria looked at each other's faces for just a second,

「It's obvious, I'm the vanguard!」

「Hayate is the vanguard, Victoria-san is the rearguard. It is the normal」

And almost at the same time, the polar opposite answers came back.

The moment their opinions differed, they clashed with gaze and gaze that caused sparks to flutter. *Oh not AGAIN!*

「Did you not see the data of Aria-san properly? Only my 『Tailworm』 can deal with the long-range attacks of Fortena-senpai」

「That is our line. Led-senpai has the best defensive power even in the Academy. Unless it is Hayate's 『Leavateinn』 your 『Wand』 can never penetrate and destroy it」

They both glared at each and other and didn't yield at all.

Hayate scratched his head thinking what to do now.

「Hmph! It won't be of any help to talk with you. I will do whatever I like tomorrow」

Finally Victoria stood up from the seat and left the dining hall.

「.....She went away. I'm sorry to you two, but let's breakup for now」

Successively, Sherry also stood up.

「Aria-san. Kiruru-san. Thanks for today. I will give the gratitude at a later date. Hayate you return to the room first. I need to go somewhere」

「Wait a sec Sherry. Is it fine to leave Victoria like that?」

Hayate stopped Sherry in fluster, but,

「Fine or not, it can't be helped with how she looked, right? What a thing to say, we both have fundamentally bad affinity. We can't be good cuddy friends like Aria-san and Kiruru-san」

「No, that is.....」

Indeed these two were obstinate and have prideful places, and they couldn't be said to have good affinity by any standard.....

She heaved a sigh as if fed up and left the dining hall.

「.....」

Only Hayate, who was left alone there, stood at that place and thought something, and then suddenly saying 「alrighty」 , he headed towards the exit of dining hall.

## Part 2

「.....Well then」

Hayate was standing in front of Victoria's room in dorm while folding his arms. Sherry was like that, but Hayate wanted to let her win in tomorrow's match at all costs. And for that he had come here for persuading Victoria.

*Victoria is also obstinate, it doesn't mean my persuasion will succeed, but 'nothing ventured, nothing gained'.*

\*Knock Knock\*

「Yes. Please wait a moment.....ah」

Some seconds after knocking, Victoria came out of her room and seeing Hayate's face she was slightly surprised.

「Oh, Hayate-san. What happened?」

「A little about tomorrow」

「I see.....err, please come inside」

For the time being Hayate was invited inside the room, and sat down on the chair recommended by her.

If he remembered correctly then Sylvana must've also been staying in Victoria's room. However, maybe she had gone out that she couldn't be seen in the room.

「Then? The 'about tomorrow' you said, meant about the examinations, right?」

「Yeah. I think we won't win at all unless we cooperate with Victoria. That's why, although there might be some shortcoming in us, but can you please lend us your power? Please」

Hayate lowered his head with all sincerity.

Seeing his attitude maybe her heart moved and the expression of Victoria flickered, but in the end, she face away and refused.

「If Scharlachrot-san is like that, it's impossible. And I can't seem to come at terms with being rearguard working behind the scenes」

「Behind the scenes, you say.....no, this division of roles is because I have no merit other than close combat, right? 」

「Doing work secretly behind, it doesn't match with my nature!」

*Well, certainly Victoria is like that.....*

If she wasn't like that, then at the time they were attacked by one-eyed demon, she wouldn't had stopped while her friends ran away, and also wouldn't have tried to attack it.

「And I want to win in the next examination no matter what.....like that if Onee-sama accepted me, she would surely reconsider about that talk.....」

「 ? 」

Hayate raised a question mark to the sudden mutterings of Victoria. Her vocal sound was unusually down.

「.....In short, you want to show your good points during the examinations to your elder sister?」

「That's right」

「Then it will work out somehow」

To the words of Hayate, Victoria raised her face that had been facing downwards.

「What did you just say?」

「Hm? .....didn't I say before that we won't win at all unless we cooperate with you, but changing the perspective it means that if you lend us power we can win」

「.....! W-What are you saying? Th-That flattery, hearing it from you, who has already won against me, it only sounds like sarcasm to me」

「Won? Do you mean about the practical skill class? That was only something like surprise attack. The scores were also a tie. And」

「And?」

Victoria fixedly stared at Hayate's face.

「At the time that Cyclops appeared, I wouldn't have been able to fight without my comrades, but Victoria face against it without running, right. ....I think the thing most important when fighting is feelings, so I think Victoria's obstinacy as a noble is truly strong」

「.....！」

「That's why, if that Victoria lends us power we can win tomorrow, and you can even be accepted by your elder sister.....」

Before Hayate was able to say anything else, Victoria looked away in a huff.

He seemed to have felt that her cheeks were faintly red, but before he was able to confirm that,

「Your work is done now, right? Onee-sama will also soon come back」

「Ah, Yeah」

But having that said right at his face, it was now difficult to persuade her.

「Then, let's give our best in examination tomorrow」

「.....Yea」

Hayate said that, but Victoria never face him again even at the time of sending him off.

### **Part 3**

After returning to Sherry's room, while resting his chin in hands, he was waiting for Sherry's return.

「.....Sherry, she is late」

Nearly 3 hours had passed since breaking up in the dining hall. It was almost the time for dinner.

While Hayate was grumbling, the worms in his stomach started to protests, at that time, Sherry finally returned.

「You were quite late」

「Is that so?」

Sherry replied Hayate's complaining words with an answer seeming feigning ignorance.

「Well whatever. Let's go to dining hall at once」

「Yea.....」

Sherry nodded.

*Let's go!*, saying that Hayate stood up and the time he reached out to the door where Sherry was standing, her body sunk down while shaking violently.

「Sherry!」

Hayate, at once, supported her in his hands.

「Are you fine?」

「Yea. It's just a little dizziness」

*.....She's cold?*

He abruptly noticed the fact that her hands were strangely cold. As if she had been in a bathtub filled with ice.

*Ah, she said lack of sleep during the training.....*

There, Hayate, conjectured a certain possibility.

「Were you practising magic?」

The magic Sherry mostly used was of Ice attribute. If she was practising that, then he could understand the reason for her low body temperature.

And if it was about her, she wouldn't have abruptly started training from today when the examinations were just a day ahead.....!

「You.....don't tell me, after part-time job you sneaked out of room every day?」

Then it even established the reason for her lack of sleep. *Even so this is just reckless.....!*

「.....Yes, that's right」

Seeing the blaming eyes of Hayate, Sherry accepted the reality as if she was prepared for it.

「I won't say training is bad, but to train for you to become this cold, ain't it going too far! And you even reduced the sleeping hours while working at part-time jobs, why!」

Because of overwhelming worry his tone of speaking turned hard.

「.....But, it is needed」

「?」

「I'm weak. That's why, whenever you fight I always hold you back. I hate that」

「.....!」

To those words, Hayate wasn't able to speak another word.

*Just how much.....of a hard-worker is this girl. Even without a 『Wand』 she is trying to increase the things she can do.*

*And after being told that she is doing for not holding me back.....I can't help but want to make her win at all cost, no matter what!*

「Sherry」

But, even so there was a thing that he needed to tell her.

「I plan to do anything if it means to grant your wishes. But if you want to win tomorrow.....can you stop being strangely obstinate against Victoria?」

「.....」

「That itself is u.n.u.s.u.a.l for you. Isn't winning in these examinations an important thing for your dream? I know the strength of your will. I don't know a Sherry that tried to hinder that will with some ridiculous emotions」

*And.....Hayate wished without speaking it out.*

*Even if I become the last one I will remain Sherry's ally, but it is too sad that only I can be besides you. I want you to feel happiness.*

*If she lost everything ten years ago, then I want to give her happiness that can surpass that everything she lost. For that, not just me, but friends and comrades are also important. That's why don't seclude yourself in the cage of ice, and open your heart to others too.*

「.....But」

「？」

All of a sudden, Sherry showed a rare—extremely rare—pouting expression.

「Victoria-san's breasts are bigger than mine」

「.....Yes what?」

*What is she saying suddenly?* Sherry continued her words.

「That's why if I let her come near, you might be seduced by her.....」

*Don't tell me that was the greatest reason for opposing Victoria?*

Hayate truly thought that the reason they were not in sync during training was because of their sense of rivalry among Hexenritters.....but after knowing the reason of her strange stubbornness, Hayate smiled bitterly.

「I~diot」

「.....Who is one」

「Aren't I your manservant? Don't worry about me getting being taken by others」

When Hayate said that Sherry face slowly let out power—when it seemed like that, she suddenly buried her face in the nape of his neck, and kissed there.

「Wha! What are you doing suddenly!?!」

*Moreover she terribly strongly sucked and kissed there. Marks might be left there.....*

「Hide the marks with the collar」

Saying that, Sherry separated from Hayate, and moved towards the door.

「We got late, let's go to dining hall, shall we?」

「.....Yeah, yeah」

Hayate followed behind Sherry while sighing.....and immediately thought.

*What does a kiss on the nape of neck means?*

## **Part 4**

The day of the tag-team examination came.

The place examinations were being held was the Second Training Grounds that were located at a slightly far place from the main school building.

The Second Training Grounds was in the shape of a dome without any roof, and the surroundings already had stands prepared ahead of time. Naturally here too, in the underground, was Mithril buried, and the 『Divine Protection of Valhalla』 was casted on this ground, which helped in nullifying the injuries.

Hayate and others reached the Second Training Grounds after being called by the examiner Lela. There, their opponents Led and Fortena, were already waiting.

「So you're the rumoured male Servant and you're Victoria Verde, huh」



It was Led who called out to Hayate and others. Just as they had seen in the data before, she had a wild-air flowing around her, and her tanned skin along with the dangerous wild glint in the eyes, only spurred the impression. Her Servant, the Gargoyle, was waiting behind her while flapping it's wings in the air.

She looked towards Hayate and Victoria, and laughed scornfully.

「I had heard there was some extremely excellent first-year student so I thought what she might look like, but you don't look that much, at least you won't even become my enemy」

「Led. Carelessness. Not good」

Fortena rebuked Led, who was laughing loudly. She was a calm girl that made one think of a still lake in winter; she was quite contrastive to Led. She had long black hair braided and suspended down to her waist, while her Servant, the Kamaitachi, was placed on her shoulders.

「Eee, isn't it fine Forl? I'm speaking the truth」 (TN: Fortena's nickname is For, but that is like English word for, so I'm writing it off as Forl)

Having been scolded by Fortena, Led pouted her lips.

*She's a rare-type of person in this Academy.....*

There were only noble ladies as students in the Academy, so it was rare to see a girl with so frank attitude.

「You seem to be looking down us, but no matter what I've got no intention of going easy on you」

Sherry, who had been silent till now, threw a sharp glare at the seniors.

There, as if she noticed her for the first time, Led tilted her head.

「Hm? Who're you?」

「Opponent. Led. Idiot?」

「I-I knew about it! I'm not an idiot!」

*These people sure makes others softened.*

Hayate held that impression, but Sherry, who had been getting ignored all the time, bent her lips in the shape of character 'ㄥ'.

「Fufu, don't be so depressed that you don't stand out as much as me」

「.....I'm not worried about it at all」

Sherry averted her gaze from Victoria, who was trying to contain her laugh.

*Hmm, will it be fine?*

Seeing the appearance of two again quarrelling, the anxious feeling again spread in Hayate's heart.

Hayate tried his best to persuade these two yesterday, but it wasn't known if it worked out fine. Victoria didn't come to the dining hall last night, so Sherry and Victoria hadn't even talked out with each other till now.....

「We're starting now」

From just the words of Lela, both tag-teams moved to the east side and west side of the ground.

「Start!」

Along with the voice of Lela, who seemed to not be excited, all the girls confronting each other shouted.

「 「 「Cast!」 」 」

Hayate also stretched out his hand to Sherry's chest, and shouted.

「Cast!」

「AAannnhh!」

Sherry's immodest voice leaked out.

At the same time the hilt of a sword was produced from the Contract Mark on her breast, and that verse also was poured into the head of Hayate.

The sword that kills the Kings—

The sword that assassinates the Gods—

The sword that perishes the World—

「—Embererathem Sword 『Laevateinn』 」

Red hot light begin to overflow from the Contract Mark, and a longsword with gigantic blade made its appearance.

「O those who dance in the wind, bestow thy blessing unto me which doth releases my link with the earth—FLIEGEN VOGEL」

***(TN: Changing it from HIMMELSSCHRITT. God knows where Guhehe got that name from!)***

Some blinks later, Sherry hovered above from the ground due to magic.

「『Tailworm』!」

Victoria also prepared for battle with her 『Wand』 in hand.

「『Majestic Armour』」

「『Gale Maker』」

On the other hand the opponents, Led and Fortena, also Casted the 『Wand』, which were shown in the data of Aria, and took on battle stance.

「Let's go Hayate」

「Ah, Y-y-yeah!」

Reacting to Sherry's voice, he appeared in front of her.

*In the end we didn't made any plan with Victoria. Is it truly impossible to coordinate perfectly overnight?*

「You're an idiot to come attacking alone~!」

Led ridiculed from inside the face-guard of the armour.

「Fuujin(Wind Blade)」

Fortena danced along with a calm voice. She waved her folding fan and a sharp blade of wind was created.

「Kuh!」

Hayate cut and blew away the Fuujin that came flying in with his Flame Sword.

His rushing power was reduced for a second.

「Excuse me. Next attack」

Fortena danced and waved her folding fan consecutively.

*It won't be good if I keep on getting nailed down here.....!*

「O Flame!」

Flames gushed from 『Laevateinn』 and engulfed all the wind blades in one go.

「GOOO!」

Hayate grasped the sword tightly and threw the flame as they were towards Fortena.

However—those flames were blocked by a shield that appeared in front of Fortena.

「Hmph! Those flames won't work on my shield!」

Led, while in a stance with shield, laughed proudly.

*So, long-range distance is a no-go.....!*

『Laevateinn』 was able to produce flames, but compared to direct hits, its power was low.

Hence it was needed to go near for breaking through the shield.

However,

「Magika—」

Fortena again danced the dance of wind.

「—Shredding Storm」

A magic square with her in the centre spread out, and countless wind blades perfectly obstructed the path of Hayate.

*I alone can ram through it, but this attack is aiming for our whole side.....!?*

*Victoria can somehow make through it, but Sherry can't do anything without a 『Wand』.*

*At any rate, I need to intercept that thing—the moment Hayate put on his guard thinking that,*

「Hayate. Lower your head」

「Huh? Wawaaah!」

Sherry pushed down his head from behind, and forcibly stooped his body.

*I can't swing the sword like this.....* Hayate flustered, but above his head a tremendous wind cutting sound \*whoosh\* reverberated and passed away.

Immediately after,

Pow!! Pow!! Pow!! Pow!! Pow!! Pow!! Pow!! Pow!! Pow!!

A whip came flying in from behind Hayate—the 『Tailworm』 knocked down the Magika of Fortena.

「V-Victoria?」

「It will trouble me if you forget about me」

Hayate turned around and in his eyes the figure of Victoria puffing her chest was reflected. She glanced at Sherry,

「Oh, I was thinking that it couldn't be helped if one would hit you, but looks like you're fine」

「I have come to greatly understand the intrusiveness of Victoria-san within the past two weeks. I was thinking to deal with that attack all by myself」

And Sherry also sent back a daring stare to Victoria.

If she was the usual Sherry, she would've let Hayate block off all the wind blades.

But the current Sherry was convinced that 「Victoria would do something like that」, and Victoria also didn't let a single attack graze her while saying 「it couldn't be helped if one hit you」. No if Sherry didn't lower my head, I would've been hit bad, that means she also knew that Sherry would try to evade and make me evade that attack. Thinking nicely, it was always and only Hayate who ate the attacks and was involved in their attacks during the training, never them two.

*Is this.....also some sort of combination?*

「Remain down like that!」

Victoria greatly raised 『Tailworm』 above head, raised its tip to who knows what extent and—swung it down at once with all her power.

「Haaaaa!」

All Range All-Rounder attack. (TN: AOE attack. Sheesh what a name author has given it)

The storm of whip blanketing over the whole ground assaulted Led and Fortena.

Although Led might have best defence in the Academy, she obviously couldn't be able to protect her partner and Servants with just that single shield.....or the three thought.

「Magika Twilight Aegis!」

The magic square engraved on Led's shield radiated, and the shield divided into ten-odd shields.

No, the thing that looked like it divided was apparently the copy of shield made up from magical energy. However, even the copy had the defensive power equalling to that of the original shield—moreover, the shields left Led's hands, and independently blocked against the nearing whip.

「Auto-defence, eh.....!」

Victoria saw that it had no effect and suddenly stopped her hand.

「I thought it would be able to defeat at least the Gargoyle if not the main person」

Victoria gnashed her teeth.

Certainly that All Range All-Rounder attack gave an impression that blocking against it would be the most a single person can do and not protect their Servant, but

*As expected of Top Ranker.....they're naïve I see*

「Humph! Your attacks all are useless in front of my shield!」

Led laughed off our attack while speaking in a childish way that one just can't help but not hate.

Then Fortena, standing beside her, deployed another Magika.

「Magika Vanishment Gale」

In an instant, their figures along with their Servants disappeared.

「Transparency!?!」

「Seems like that.....」

Sherry nodded to Hayate's words.

「This is troublesome」

Seeing the opponent vanishing, Victoria ran up to Hayate's side.

「——!? Tch!」

「You!」

Abruptly, Hayate blocked a wind blade that came flying in from their blind spot, and Victoria swung her whip in that side but it only hit vacant air.

*If it became a war of attrition, it will be us on the disadvantage. Victoria's attack from before can attack even without seeing the enemy, but it will be blocked against as long as Led has Twilight Aegis. What should I do.....?*

Hayate rotated his thoughts and suddenly Sherry called out to Victoria.

「Victoria-san」

「.....What is it?」

「I have said this before, but, I can immediately give out at least 10 reasons for not forming a team with you」

「Even I can say almost 100 about you!」

「Then looks like we cannot become close friends」

「It's obvious!」

*What is Sherry speaking all of a sudden?*

Hayate was surprised to see that Sherry was again starting a quarrel, but.....Sherry didn't change her expression,

「But, I have a reason to win this examination」

「.....Even I have that」

「I see. In that case——」

And spoke those words.

「——Then let's join up our hands for at least today. Neither as friend nor as comrade, but as rivals」

Sherry said those words and Victoria blinked her eyes for some seconds seeing her face and then.....curved the end of her lips.

「Something like that is perfect for us. I also need to repay the debt by defeating you in future」

「I will waiting for it. But it would you who would lose. Then, let's match up our powers and defeat those seniors. Hayate」

「Y-Yeah!」

「Stab the 『Laevateinn』 at your feet area」

「 ? 」

In accordance to Sherry's order, Hayate stabbed the flame sword in the ground near his feet.

In that case, he didn't have any means to attack and——in no time, countless wind blades came flying at them.

「Haaaaaaa!」

Victoria repelled down all of them with her 『Tailworm』 .

While being protected by her, Sherry put her hands on the ground and started chanting some incantation.

「O that who protects the cold mausoleum, by thy freezing arms, grant thy restraints of avidya to the captured ones—— Náströnd」

***(TN: If you have suggestions about this chant, then comment below. Oh avidya is a Buddhist word meaning ignorance. I've not exactly learnt Buddhist words, or have done their practices so I don't know if what google said is right nor not)***

「.....？」

The time Sherry's magic was deployed, at first he thought it was a misfire.

There was no change to the extent. For. Him. Alone, to think like that.

「Cold!? What is it!?!」

「Please be quiet」

Victoria raised up a scream suddenly, thinking what it was he turned around only to find her leg frozen to the area of calf. Sherry was also the same, but she was calm compared to Victoria.

「《Náströnd》 is a trap-type magic. It freezes everyone standing on the ground without exception」

「So, what do you plan to do by freezing my legs!? Can't you see I can't move now!?!」

Hearing the line shouted out by Victoria, Hayate understood.

《Náströnd》 freezes everyone standing on the ground without exception. That meant,

「Uwah! What the hell is this!?!」

「Led. Improper words」

Whether or not they could be seen, unless they could fly, Led and Gargoyle were inevitably caught in the trap.

Hayate turned around in the direction of voice. There was four small ice pillars rising up in the shape of human legs.....it meant the two seniors couldn't move now!

Even if they kept quiet or didn't keep quiet, with that ice protruding, their location was oh-so-obvious.



And thanks to the heat of 『Laevateinn』 that had been stabbed in the ground, Hayate was able to block against 《Náströnd》 and could move freely.

「I leave Sherry to you!」

Saying that to Victoria, Hayate dashed while shouldering 『Laevateinn』 .

Every time he stepped the ground tried to freeze his leg, but thanks to the enhanced leg strength from his 『Seele』 , he was able to break that ice and covered the distance between his opponents in one go!

「For! Our location is exposed! Dispel the Magika and aim the one behind!」

「Release」

Led's shout and Fortena's voice reached his ears, while their figures appeared, having dispelled Vanishment Gale.

Hayate wasn't besides Sherry right now. If she were to be defeated, his 『Laevateinn』 would also disappear.

「Magika Shredding Storm」

「Aah geez! It's difficult to swing the whip!」

Right now Victoria, who joined up hands with Sherry, was protecting her.

*Rival, eh.....! So there is a relationship other than friends and comrades, I see.*

Although this was different from what Hayate wished yesterday, but this was also a form of relationship bonds between a person and person.

*If this could untangle Sherry's obstinate parts, then no matter what it is, I'm fine with it! If that bond has been created in this fight, I will decorate it with victory! That is my role as her manservant!*

「Your attack can't break through my shield!」

Led bellowed from inside her face guard towards Hayate, who was nearing them.

She must've been thinking that if she were to block all attacks with her impregnable defence, it would be them who won.

However, she didn't know—the true power of 『Laevateinn』 !

「OooooooooooooOOOOOooooOOoOOOooo!」

One slash.



The red hot blade bisected the shield of magical energy.

「Wha!?!」

Two, three, four, five slashes—

*It doesn't matter if it's auto-defence or whatever!*

Eight, nine, ten, eleven slashes—

*No matter what wall, I will break through it with my sword!*

Destroying the last main shield, Hayate placed the blade that was drawing an arc with sparks, near his waist.

「Magika.....!」

「It's over!」

Fortena tried to deploy Magika as a last struggle, but before she could Hayate's 『Laevateinn』 captured their bodies at once.

「Uguh!」

「..... Unfortunate」

Thanks to 『Divine Protection of Valhalla』 they didn't suffer any injury, but because the burden of damage was too much that Led and Fortena fainted while lying on each other.

「Winner, Scharlachrot and Verde Team」

Lela announced the victory of Hayate and others with a voice that seemed to never change.

## **Part 5**

At the same time.

There was a single person watching the victory of Hayate and others from the watch stands.

It was Victoria's elder sister, Sylvana.

「.....」

Folding her arms, from the corner of stands she had been fixedly staring Victoria and Sherry and also Hayate with a sour look.

The reason she was watching this tag-team examination was only for making sure that the quest from Verde family, as she had told Victoria, should reach Sherry.

And, she saw the result with her own eyes.

With this. The. Things. Would. Proceed. As she had expected at first.

After making that decision, Sylvana.....

「So. You. Won. After. All.....」

Muttered that and left behind the Second Training Grounds.

# Chapter 03: Sea and Quest

## Part 1

That day, Hayate and Sherry were called out by Lela to the Counselling Room.

「What does she want? And in the counselling room」

「Probably, it might be about the Quest that Victoria-san was talking about before」

「Ah」

*That quest that we will be able to take only if we win the tag-team examination.*

「Well there is also a possibility that Hayate created problems with other females which I'm not aware of, and hence as you master I will be made to write an letter of apology」

「That possibility is not possible so relax!」

*At least I don't remember anything like that within the past few days.....probably, right?*

Hayate went to the Counselling Room while his heart was banging \*ba-dum ba-dum\*, there Victoria was waiting in front of door.

「Huh? Victoria was also called by Lela?」

「It is the Verde Family who is the client. So I will also take on the same Quest」

「Heh?」

Her words meant that continuing after tag-team examination, they would also be together in the thing called as quest.

「If you succeed in the quest issued by your blood relatives, it won't be reflected much in the scores, right? Even so are you fine doing it, Victoria-san?」

Sherry interjected in the conversation of Hayate and Sherry.

「Hey? So what is that quest in the end? I know it might be late, but I've got absolutely no idea about it, or what I have to do」

「Quest is one of systems of the Academy」

Apparently requests, also called as 『Quests』 come from the country and nobles to Diaspell Royal Academy. The contents of it were mainly investigations or subjugation of

Demonic Beasts, and if completed, depending on the degree of difficulty the scores of students would be affected.

「Huh? But isn't it work of Chivalric Order to deal with Demonic Beasts.....?」

「The Kingdom is a country that likes to cultivate young people. If they kept on comfortably raising the Hexenritter, and at the time of emergency the Hexenritters couldn't do anything, wouldn't it be a big problem? That's why quests are issued for piling up the combat experience. And it also helps in lessening the burden of Chivalric Order」

「Oho」

The quests were ranked from S to D Rank, if the student had low 『Inter-School Rankings』 then she won't be able to take on the quest of higher ranks.

Apparently there were also the cases where the client would nominate the person who would take the quest. However, just as Sherry said before, the quest between blood relatives wouldn't be reflected much on the scores as for others. It was to protect against the policy where the families would issue quests for raising their own children.

「It's fine, let's enter now」

Victoria forcibly cut off the topic and knocked the door of 『Counselling Room』 .

「Come in」

Lela's voice came out and the three entered the room.

There was Lela and the client this time, Sylvana, present in the 『Counselling Room』 .

「A quest came from Verde Family for you lowlives. C Ranked. Contents are, investigating about a Demonic Beast that been spotted the port city Puerto, that is under the direct control of Verde Family territory」

Lela immediately started the talk about the quest towards the three, who were already sitting on the sofa.

「This mission sure is low-ranked」

Sherry tilted her head upon hearing the contents and stole a glance at Victoria.

The reflection in scores from quests from blood relatives was already now. So a low-ranked quest was like a drop in the bucket. Just obediently attending the classes would give more scores than doing this.

Everyone would think of it as a doubt when a person would give such a quest to their own daughter.

*Another doubt is the reason Sherry was nominated for this quest.*

*And only after looking at their true ability in the tag-team examination.*

「.....」

Hayate stole a glance at Sylvana's expression, but it was sour as usual and he wasn't able to read what she was thinking.

「The time period of the quest is one whole week starting from next week. We will send a carriage to the Academy in three days, get on it, and come to the Verde Family. And.....」

Sylvana tried to blandly tell us about details, but Lela poked her head.

「Haven't you become too great Sylvana. To actually proceed with talk by yourself」

「Mgh. I have become great in reality. I'm currently the family head, sensei」

「I don't care if you are the family head or what, but this place is the Academy. So you will have to follow the regulations of the Academy regarding the quests」

「Mgh.....」

Maybe she was a former student of the Academy that it seemed like she lost in power relationship with Lela. Or it could also be because her opponent was Lela herself.

「So what will you? Just as Scharlachrot said, this is low-ranked quest for you people to take on. Although you were nominated, it doesn't mean you don't have the right to veto」

A student could take or not take the question purely based on the student's discretion.

「Will you not take it this time?」

「No way. We will take it」

Sherry replied immediately to Lela's question.

「I see.....what will you do, Verde?」

「I will obviously take it!」

Victoria's answer was same as Sherry's. It must be because she might have been told so from her family.

Incidentally, Hayate wasn't asked for confirmation. His position was as Sherry's Servant, so he didn't had the right to decide anything.

「Then I will apply it like that to the Academy. According to the rules of Academy, a team of five people is needed for taking a quest of Rank C, so if you have someone in mind, do the negotiations as fast as you can. Report to me when you add the members, that's all I have to say」

After that they again listened to the explanation from Sylvana, and after some questions, left the Counselling Room.

The lunch break was also about to end, and hence Hayate and others headed towards the classroom. Victoria said she would return to room, so we temporarily broke up.

「Sherry. Why are you obsessed on taking this quest? You even accepted the condition for winning tag-team examination together with Victoria」

At that time Sherry obviously hated to team up with Victoria, but her attitude changed upon hearing a quest would be issued. Hayate had been concerned about this fact all this time.

「That's right.....Hayate, you know the reason why my family was ruined, right?」

「Well, yeah.....」

The reason Scharlachrot Family, which happened to be one of Four Great Nobles, fell down was because Sherry's mother disappeared before subjugating the large army of Cyclops that appeared within their territory. At that time, a heavy damage was done to Sherry's home place.

「There are rarely any nobles who would want to request a quest to the daughter of that Scharlachrot Family. If I tried to take on a free quest, the client might refuse after seeing my name」

「.....」

「There is a need to steadily pile up achievements by completing quests, as much as I can. Verde Family is a noble family, and if my name was nominated for their quest, my fame would increase」

「I see.....so you've been thinking a lot」

*So it means she had been looking at the long-term benefits of this quest, eh.*

「Then, well let's give it our all in this quest.....and do you want to invite some else too? A total of five people can take it means, that we need another 3 people」

「You're right.....」



Like that Hayate, along with Sherry, completed various preparations till the day of departure.

## Part 2

「Oh! It feels like the smell of salt」

Hayate was in high spirits while his face was looking outside from the window of the carriage.

Three days later from that day. As explained before a carriage came to take them; Hayate and others rode on it and headed towards the port city Puerto, where Verde Family was located.

The thrilling feeling in regards with the speed of carriage that was running while cutting the wind, still remained after riding on it the second time. Other than that their destination was the port city, so there was one more thing to enjoy.

「Sea, eh~. I'm looking fo~rward to i~t~」

For Hayate, having lost most of his memories, he only knew about the sea in verbal form.

That's why he was thrilled to see the sea for the 「first time」 .

*If I saw places I've got no idea about, maybe my memories will return.*

There was also a faint anticipation like that.

「Hayate. You're too worked up」

Sherry, sitting beside Hayate, rebuked him for being excited all the time.

「Opps, I'm sorry」

Hayate closed the window while feeling somewhat embarrassed and sat down on the fluffy seat. As expected of a carriage sent by a noble family, the interior of the carriage was also wonderful.

Incidentally, Victoria was sitting directly opposite to Hayate and Sherry, and her partner Lindis had coiled itself on the floor.

Moreover there was another carriage than the one Hayate and others were riding. Aria and Kiruru and their Servants ought to be riding that other carriage. Hayate had invited them, but they both gave a ready consent to his request.

*Well at any rate, it is better to have more friends along.*

On the other hand, Victoria, the friend 『candidate』 (which Hayate had thought out of his own will), had been quiet all the time while playing with the bangs of her hair.

「Victoria」

「Eh? Y-Yes!」

Hayate called out to her and she rose up her head with a start.

Hayate had no intention of surprising her, so while feeling perplexed, he threw a normal and easy question at her.

「Hey, what place is the sea of Puerto?」

「Err, it.....is a beautiful place. The water is clean, and there is also a private beach of Verde Family」

「Heeeh」

He didn't know what the word Private Beach meant so he asked about it, and apparently it was a beach where people unrelated to Verde Family couldn't enter; therefore they would be able to swim and play without any interference from others.

「I can swim as I want, eh~. I wanna swim~」

「We aren't going to play there. Do you understand that, Hayate?」

「Ah, yeah, obviously I understand that」

Having Sherry poking a nail, Hayate couldn't help but shrink his head. (TN: Poking a nail means, giving a warning)

「.....」

While watching the two talking like that, Victoria again shut her mouth and started playing with her hair.

Finishing that journey, the carriage carrying the group of Hayate and others reached in front of Verde Family's mansion.

「Welcome home Victoria-sama. And, Aria Weisheit-sama, Kiruru Demeter-sama, Sherry Scharlachrot-sama and Hayate Mitsurugi-sama, you're all welcome. Please come in」

Guided by the head maid, Hayate and others reached to the office room.

「Family Head. I've brought them」

「I see」

Sylvana was looking at some documents on top of the table, but she stopped temporarily and sent her gaze at us.

She had work accumulated, so she returned here before Hayate and others, but her sour look was same as usual. Or maybe it was her default face, it always seemed like she was displeased.

*She's sure a hard to read person.....*

Hayate again felt the same thing he had thought before.

「You've come a long journey. Have a seat」

Sylvana offered the sofa to Hayate and others, and as if the timing was aimed after, the maid brought tea for six people at the same time.....*Oh great.* Apparently Hayate was treated as a guest here.

「Thank you for nominating me this time. Since I was nominated, I will only do everything I can with all my power. And so, I will like to once more confirm the contents of the quest」

Beside Hayate, who was being moved thoroughly, Sherry bowed towards Sylvana and tried to confirm the quest.

But,

「Wait. You don't have to be in that much hurry」

「？」

「It's fine to start the investigation about the Demonic Beast from tomorrow」

Sylvana drank the tea after saying that.

*.....Although a Demonic Beast might be laying around, but she is being quite carefree, does that mean the situation is not impending right now?*

「.....」

Sherry also wasn't able to continue onwards her talk after having been said that by the client.

「I will let head maid guide you all to your rooms. Rest your body there. If you want to go somewhere I will let out the carriage」

「.....Is that so. Then, we will accept the offer」

「Good. Then head maid I leave them to you. Victoria will remain here, I need to talk」

「I got it, Onee-sama」

Victoria nodded.

Leaving behind Victoria, Hayate and others were guided to their rooms by the head maid.

「.....I feel like, Victoria's sister was looking at me too much」

Hayate muttered the thing he felt before while walking down the corridor.

Aria replied to his muttering.

「Well, Hayate-kun is a rare existence after all. It's natural for her to be concerned」

「Hmmm, is that so」

*Well, thinking more that might be the case.*

「Guests. Will take your Servant along together in the room? If you want we can take care of them」

「Ah, no, I want to be with Kuro」

「Hm. Same here. I become lonely if Miria is not at my shoulder」

「Understood」

Head maid nodded to Kiruru and Aria's reply.

「Then, now the left ones are Scharlachrot-sama and Mitsurugi-sama」

「I don't care if it's the same room」

「Hey」

Hayate retorted to Sherry was non-hesitant as usual.

Maybe that retort had some effect that the head maid showed a troubled expression.

「I'm sorry but, I've been told to send Mitsurugi-sama in a room different than others」

「Oh? Why is that so?」

「I haven't been told about the reason, but.....but Mitsurugi-sama is a male. It might be because of something happening if he resided in the same room as young girls, probably?」

In short it meant that 「it was troubling to do something weird in others home」 .

Hayate nodded thinking it was extremely correct.

But Sherry was displeased.....

「No, no, please don't worry about that. If something did happen it will be only because I've agreed to it. After all I'm his sla.....」

「Uggggaaaaahhhh!」

He blocked the mouth of an idiot who was trying to spout an tremendously dangerous thing to a person she met for the first time.

「I'm completely fine with some other room! Yeah, no problem there!」

「I see that」

Throwing the sulking Sherry in her room, Hayate was guided to a guestroom that was located in a quite isolated placed within the mansion.

「If you need something, please ask the maids. Well then I'll excuse myself」

The head maid exited after bowing one last time.

「.....Hah, I'm dead tired」

Finally being alone, he suddenly let out his energy and threw his body on the bed.

*I did hear they were a noble family, but their house sure is big. Even the bed sheet feels much better than the ones in Academy.*

*No, there isn't much difference, but, maybe it's the problem with my mood?*

While Hayate was having fun feeling the bed, his room's door was knocked.

「Huh.....」

「Hayate. Let's go to the sea」

Sherry entered before he was able to reply, continuing onwards, Kiruru, Aria and also Victoria. *She already finished her talk?*

「Sea? But didn't you say before, we didn't came here to play」

「The client has given us a free day, so why let it go to waste?」

*Her mood swings too fast, no, maybe it's flexible, something like that.....*

Although he was astonished, but because he originally wanted to go to the sea, so he didn't raise an objection to their idea. He rose up from the bed, and went after the girls.

「They will lend us whatever swimsuit we like」

「What is a swimsuit?」

「Speaking frankly they are clothes worn when swimming. Choose properly, okay? I will also choose a great one」

*What is it.....I somehow feel bad premonitions!*

While sensing something that was more than half near confirmation, Hayate heaved a sigh in his mind.

### **Part 3**

They again used the carriage for transportation. But because they were to pass through the city this time, their speed was quite slow. There wasn't the refreshing feeling of dashing over the ground, but Hayate felt excited just by hearing the sound of hoofs along with the hustle and bustle of the port city.

「This is a bustling city, eh」

「After all it is the largest port city of the Starfarm Kingdom. Foreign trade and domestic trades both are popular here. The population is big and there are many tasty things to eat」

Hayate, hearing the explanation by Aria, let out a \*heeh\* admiration voice.

「It is the city governed by our Verde Family, so it is only natural」

Victoria also said proudly.

「I might come to play if there is time」

「Indeed」

While conversing like that with Kiruru, the carriage proceeded onwards.

They soon enough reached their destination, the private beach.

It was necessary to change into swimsuits before entering the sea, so the female group inside the carriage and Hayate in the shade of tree outside of carriage, changed their clothes.

「Or do you want change it together with us?」

「I won't let that happen!」

Sherry's plan was immediately rejected by Victoria; Hayate was also in agreement of that so he obediently went to the seashore first and finished changing.

He even finished preparing the sheet and parasol that were he borrowed from the maid.....in the end he didn't had anything else to do, so while being bored he was blankly gazing at the sea.

*Even so, this thing called sea is indeed too big. Is it all salt water? As swimming.....well I feel like I can do it, but did I ever come to sea in the past?*

His memories of the past were vague as usual. His gaze indirectly went below.

「Even so, this clothes for swimming.....was it called swimsuit? How to say, it feels like coming on the outside while just wearing underwear」

*Just who decided to wear stuff like this in the sea?*

*Well of course the clothes will become heavy if they soaked too much water and increase the danger of drowning, but still there was no need to become half-naked.....*

「Thank you for the wait, Hayate」

「Yeah, Sh, er, ry.....!？」

He turned around to the direction of voice, and Hayate froze on the spot.

In front of his turned-around head was a half-naked Sherry. No, this way of speaking had a fault.....she was properly wearing her swimsuit. Correcting his words it was—Sherry was smiling alluringly while wearing a cloth with the surface area so less that she was almost completely N.A.K.E.D. *Yeah, it became more erotic by correcting my words.*

「How is it?」

「W-What do you mean h-h-how.....」

He couldn't help by be flustered.

He surely felt his face becoming hot, but even so he wasn't able to avert his gaze from her swimsuit figure.

While pulling the string of her white swimsuit that was near transparent, Sherry sent a gaze towards Hayate as if she was watching something funny.

「Good grief, you're such a pervert manservant. Looks like you're charmed by my swimsuit」

「No, listen here. I did guess this would happen, but are you not embarrassed to come out in that dress!?!」

Even Hayate had never thought that a sure-kill technique far surpassing his resolution would come striking at him.

His heart was pounding like an idiot.....\*ba-dump ba-dump\* \*ba-dump ba-dump\*

「Even I won't be able to wear such a swimsuit in a normal beach. But this place is a private beach, there's no one else other than us here」

「No, there is also Aria and others, right?」

「Aria-san and others are special. And you're the only man here」

Sherry smiled and took a pose that emphasized her breasts.

「So, how is it?」

「Ah, yeah.....」

Hayate thought up a couple of compliments. But,

「Erotic」

In the end he settled down for the usual impression.

「Can you not speak some others words, even if some times?」

「It's your fault for being an erotic character!」

「You're too rude. I'm an innocent-type girl」

「Inno.....cent.....?」

「Hey!」

\*poke\*

「Owwwww! Stop the eyes, the eyes!」

「It will be great if a hole literally opened in those knothole eyeballs」

「You're scary all the time!」

Hayate retreated back while being scared.

「Um.....Hayate-san?」



There a shy voice called out to him. Facing the direction of voice, there stood the usual pair of two. Aria and Kiruru were standing side-by-side.

「Hey, you two are close as always」 (Aria)

「Is that so?」 (Hayate)

*The close people wouldn't glare with eyes, I think.*

He tilted his head, but Aria laughed lively without paying heed to it.

「Anyways, Sherry-kun's swimsuit is truly daring. You're style is also good, someone like me can't compare at all」

「Those words make me troubled to respond, but I'll take your words as compliments」

「Hahaha」

Aria's swimsuit was a bikini with same red colour as her hair.

*Aria always seems to calm, she isn't gaudy at all. Differing from me, She doesn't enrage Sherry at all.*

*And to say she can't compare to her, but if she actually undressed it is quite.....*

「Ha-.....! Hayate-san」

「Hm?」

While Hayate had his eyes stolen by Aria's swimsuit figure, Kiruru pulled his hand gently and he looked at her.

「What happened?」

「U-Um.....how does my swimsuit look like?」

「Ah, you're truly too cute」

Kiruru's swimsuit had a cute design of flower pattern pareo attached. In truth, looking at it after the one of Sherry, he was quite relived, mainly in the surface area of cloth.

「Hmm.....so you compliment Kiruru as cute, I see」

*Killing Intent!?* Hayate turned around timidly, only to find Sherry glaring at him with narrow eyes.

「No, you see, there was no particular ulterior motive behind it」

「Hmph」

Sherry turned away her face with a displeased expression and ignored the excuse of Hayate.

*.....What is this, although I made her angry but the current reaction was quite cute.*

「Sherry」

The moment Hayate finally tried to properly compliment her,

「I made you all wait!」

Victoria, having been late in coming here, forced her way in between the way.

That moment, her breasts with tremendous volume waved like high waves.

The breasts seemed to almost pop out of the bikini which was probably custom-made-size.

「Wh.....oa.....!」

He unintentionally let out a groan. The breasts had that much of impact.

「.....」

Sherry's glare became more and more grim, but Hayate was blankly staring without noticing that fact.

「Hey, Haya.....」

She was about to say something, but a maid interrupted her.

「I'm sorry, Scharlachrot-sama. I've got a message from the family head, will you come to that side for hearing it?」

「Mugh.....」

Sherry glared at maid and Victoria alternatively, but after the name of family head came out, she obviously couldn't ignore it and followed behind the maid.

Like that, at the time when the master went away from the side of manservant.....

「a-ahem」

Abruptly Victoria forcibly cleared her throat.

*.....What happened?*

Hayate tilted his head, while she, seeming determined, gave a vial filled with liquid to him.

「H-Hayate-san. Can you smear suntan lotion on me?」

「Hwhuaaaauuut!?!」 (TN: it meant : What!?: in human language)

He let out an strange voice reflexively.

「H-hurry up! Please don't make me wait too long」

In the time Hayate wasn't able to say yes or even no, Victoria pushed the vial to him and sprawled down on the sheet.

「Then please do it」

「.....I got it」

Now he didn't had any escape route left. Hayate took the suntan lotion in his hand while leaving his life to his fate.

Spreading the slimy liquid in his hands.....he gulped again.

「Then.....I will start now」

「Yea.....」

Victoria replied while lying face-down. Maybe it was his imagination but her voice also seemed nervous.

She had already unfastened the shoulder strings, and was defencelessly exposing her back to Hayate. The amorous scapula, the breasts that seemed to have changed their shape because of being crushed by the body and the well-developed ass, all were sexy.

*Oh shit wow awesome! She doesn't lose against Sherry in sexiness.....*

He was about to start touching the body of such a girl with his slimy hands now.....no, he was just going to smear the suntan lotion.

He couldn't be stiffened for all the time.

Hayate timidly started to smear the suntan lotion on her back while strangely bending after half-rising up.

「Aanh.....Annkhh」

*Don't let out weird voices!*

Because it made him go strange!

*Oh shit. Victoria's back is damn soft! It's so squishy-squishy. She's so smooth.*

And the sensation of her ass hitting time-by-time on his thigh was also awesome. It was softer than the back. And looking closely the line of her swimsuit down below was very extremely narrow.

This had already become the world of kill or be killed. In the sense of brain-killing.

*I-I need to finish this fast.....!*

「Hey, the back's all done. Now it's fine, right?」

「What are you saying? The shoulders, legs and.....the buttocks are left」

「Buttocks!?!」

「It is hard to smear on my backside! Don't complain and do it fast!」

*Even if you say that.....will it be fine?*

No matter how he looked at it, Victoria's face was dyed bright red, but she still didn't change her opinion.....so he helplessly again took the suntan lotion in his hands.

「Th-then here I go.....」

\*squeeze\*

「Uhyaaa!?!」

*Whoa, what is this, my fingers are sinking!*

It was already fine to call it as a lethal weapon. A lethal weapon that could blast the reasoning to smithereens.

「Ah, wai, no.....」

\*squeeze squeeze squeeze\*. Before he knew it Hayate had already rubbed her number of times and was now fondling with the ass of Victoria.

「.....Haah!」

*No damn shit! I lost my reasoning at that point! Calm down, stay firm, ME! If Sherry saw my this side.....*

「HA. YA. TE」

「!?!」

Having being bathed in a voice like cold winter, his hot body cooled down in an instant.

「Just when your master wasn't here, just what were you doing? You pervert manservant」

「.....Just leave my life」

He was stuffed in the sandy beach up till his neck.



「Guuuuuuuuuuhh.....the sea water, i-in my eyes and nose!」

He was buried on the edge of beach, so whenever a strong wave came, it would cover his face.

Well he was now paying for his mistakes.

*Just when will beings called men, be able to govern their own desires?*

Well it was quite far away for him, thinking that he gazed at the scorchingly blazing down sun.

Then, suddenly a shadow was cast over his face.

「Oh no, Hayate-kun it's too tough, right」

「Aria」

On the shoulder of the red-head girl standing before Hayate, the mechanical owl wasn't present. Apparently the body of machines were weak to sea water, and so it was currently waiting on top of the carriage.

「It feels weird when Miria isn't there」

「Hm? You're right~. My shoulder feels lonely」

Aria let down her waist and sat down at that place while muttering those words.

「.....! A, Aria」

「Hm? What happened?」

「Ah, no.....」

Sitting over there, Aria's bikini was in front of his eyes and nose.....well not, but still Hayate felt his back within the sand become hot.

\*touch\*

「Hm?」

\*touch touch touch\*

Aria started touching my face.....

「What?」

「No, I just thought that it is rare to get an opportunity like this, when I can touch Hayate-kun's face」

Aria revealed a bashful grin.....and that smile suddenly was changed into a mad one.

「I can examine a lot in this chance」

「Someone save me~~!!!」

Hayate shouted out loud with all his power.

「Haah~, I had a terrible time.....」

Hayate escaped from Aria just by his own strength, and was right now sighing lightly. Even without 『Laevateinn』, his strength when facing danger was still great.

Not having anything to do, Hayate was strolling around on the sandy beach.

The feeling of walking on the sandy beach was too good.

After walking a while solely, Sherry and Kiruru came to find him.

Kiruru was holding a plastic ball near her chest, and when she looked at Hayate, she came running at him while her face broke into a smile.

「Hayate-san. Will you play beach ball with us?」

「Yeah, no problem」

「Hey, hurry up, Hayate」

Being pulled by two girls, Hayate moved towards the shoals of the sea.

「Then here I come. Take it!」

「Eeei」

「Wah wah, to-to-to」

At first the three were playing, but soon enough Aria and Victoria also grouped up.

「Oh, it looks fun. How about letting me in too」

「Ohoho, you can also let me in」

「Aria-san come in. Victoria-san, try again tomorrow」

「What do you mean!?!」

Well, doing that sort of conversation, the five started tossing the beach ball.

「Here you go, Kiruru」

「Wah! Geez, Aria you meanie!」

The childhood friend pair of Aria and Kiruru was close as ever.

「Eei」

「You!」

「Eei!」

「Kuh!」

「Eei!」

「You.....do you have some sort of resentment against me, Scharlachrot-san!?!」

「No, it can't be, that's impossible. But Victoria-san has two beach balls on her chest, so I was thinking to return this single child back to its comrades」

As for Sherry and Victoria, no one can tell if they were on close terms or bad terms.....something like that.

「Eei!」

「haaah!」

*Every time they toss and spike the ball, some different sort of balls also shake with a \*boing boing\*.*

*I'm just going to say for prestige but, Aria's also shook. As for Kiruru.....well, let's just believe in future prospects, anyhow the problem was Sherry and Victoria!*

When concerning the two with too big breasts, every time they jump recklessly and chase after the ball because of their obstinate personalities, at that time their breasts just go oh so wavy!!! Oh so wavy! Something like that!

*Looks like sea is a dangerous place.....*

Hayate seriously thought that while clenching his nose.

「Hey, just send the ball to me already!」

Anymore was poison to eyes, and Hayate requested a toss from Sherry and Victoria. If the ball was gone, their tit-shaking-big-fever also should stop.

「Hah, Haah, it's okay. Here!」

Maybe she got tired, Victoria sent the ball towards Hayate.



However, she couldn't control her power and the ball went flying to a place where there was no one.

「oops.....」

While pursuing the ball above his head, he proceeded in the shoals—and collided with Kiruru who was chasing after the ball, the same way.

「Wah!」

「Kyaa!」

\*splash\*

They both collapsed underwater. *W-water in my nose.....!*

「Puffhaa!」

Hayate let out his head from underwater and started breathing heavily.

*Hm? There seems to be excessively soft something in my hand.*

「U-u-u-um-umm, H-Ha-Ha-Hayate-san!？」

「Eh.....?」

Hearing a somewhat flustered voice coming from below, Hayate slowly lowered his gaze.....and realized that the small whorl on the head of Kiruru was in his hands.

Moreover, maybe he gripped it at the time of falling down that, her modest—yet, slightly swelled breasts were also gripped by him.....

「You pervert manservant.....」

「No, um.....this is an accident, right Kiruru?」

Hearing the enraged voice of Sherry, Hayate requested help from the girl in his hands.

「Hayate-san groped my breasts. Hayate-san groped my breasts. Hayate-san groped my breasts.....i-in others words, it's a love triangle!? A two-timer, eh! .....Eh, don't-don't tell me doing it together with three of us.....!？」

However, having her breasts groped, Kiruru had went on a trip within the world of delusions.

「Geez.....hey, come on now separate your hands from Kiruru-san's breasts, ah!？」

Sherry started coming towards Hayate, but due to a sudden strong wave her feet got caught and she was about to fall.

「Sherry!」

Hayate extended his hand at once.

And.

「.....Are you hands existing just to grope the breasts of girls who fall?」

Sherry asked with a astonished yet somewhat strangely happy voice, while her big breasts were being groped by Hayate's hands.

As for Hayate, he couldn't help but refute while blushing hard.

## Part 4

The time passed. Hayate and others, having played a lot, finally returned to the Verde Mansion.

「The sea water is sticky, so we have done the preparations for the bathroom. This way」

Hayate and others returned by the carriage while wearing the swimsuits, and were guided to the bathroom by the maid.

There were three bathrooms present in the Verde Family, and one of them was an open-air bath, apparently. This time they just need to get rid of stickiness after swimming, so they were going to a simple bathroom with shower.

「The right one is for males, the left one is for females」

「So then, I'm on the right side」

「That's right. Then, see you later」

The girls headed towards the women's bath on the left side. And, for some reason five or six maids were also following after them.

「Mitsurugi-sama, please come this way」

「Eh? No, why is a maid there in men's bath?」

「? It is the work of maid to wash the back of guest」

Having been told that bluntly, Hayate's face turned red.

「I don't need it!」

「Ah, Mitsurugi-sama」

He closed the door in front of the maid that was trying to run after him.

The door didn't have any lock so he gripped it for a while, but apparently the maid gave up and left from the front of door by saying 「I will bring the change of clothes」 .

Heaving a sigh, Hayate's hand left the door, put the clothes in the basket and entered the bath.

「Whoa, it's quite spacious for a simple bathroom」

At the very least it was three times bigger than the one in the dorm. It was wasteful to just take a shower in such a place. He had had there was time left till dinner, so he decided to immerse himself in the bathtub till his shoulder.

「Fuuuu~~~」

*Yeah, it's spacious. It feels good.*

It the bathtub was of same size in the girls' bathroom, four people could easily enter it. Taking such a big bath just for oneself was a good feeling. This was one of rare moments, when he had felt that it was great to be a man, after being summoned by Sherry.

While Hayate was relaxing in that way—suddenly, the door of the bathroom opened.

「Who is it?」

「It's me」

「.....so it you!」

It was Sherry. He had thought that the maid again came back.

Incidentally Sherry was wearing the erotic white swimsuit from before. It was good that she wasn't buck naked.....no, the situation itself was strange! *Don't be fooled ME!*

「This is men's bath! Return back to women's bath!」

「Oh, you're so cold. Even when the master has come to the place of manservant after deceiving Aria-san and maids」

「I didn't order for you!」

「What are you saying. I won't listen to the orders of some manservant」

*She's being unreasonable.....*

「So? What are you here for.....?」

Sensing resistance as futile, Hayate asked bluntly.

「Come here」

Sherry ordered in a voice that wouldn't take any of his reply, and Hayate obeyed her orders.

「Now what?」

He asked again, but she started smearing some liquid on her body without answering to his question.

「Now, extend your hand」

「Hm?」

She smeared it on top of Hayate's hand, and foamed it up.

Then,

「Now. Wash my body, without leaving a single place, with your hands」

「.....Huh? HuuuuuuuuH!?!」

The shock was too big that it caused him to scream a little later.

「Be quiet. The maids might come」

「..... ! 」

Hayate covered his mouth in a panic. Although he was being warned indirectly, but if he was found in this place like this, it might not end up good.

「What do you mean.....by washing your body with my hand?」

「Just do it」

「No, you see.....」

Seeing Hayate hesitating, a chill of mid-winter seeped out of Sherry.....

「So even if you rub suntan lotion on Victoria-san's buttocks, you don't want to touch my body?」

He was glared by a gaze that would even shoot a wolf to death. Thanks to that, his body, which had just warmed up a little, was immediately cooled down as if his spine had turned into an ice pillar.

「L-Let me wash you」

Hayate surrendered and with a nervous expression, put his hand, which was filled with foam, on her shoulder from her back. Then, as if caressing her, his arm descended from there to the upper arm area.

「Nh.....」

Every time Hayate's firm palms rubbed her soft fair skin, Sherry raised a seductive voice.

「.....!」

In truth, he was unsure if the towel coiled around the waist would have enough *defensive power*.

「NNh.....Nnh.....Anhh」

「Arms.....and back.....are done」

Hayate said those words to Sherry, who bit her lips while enduring the voice, and her white skin was flushed.

「Hm.....Hayate, I said to wash my body. WITHOUT. LEAVING. A. SINGLE. PLACE.」

*So she's not going to give up with just arms and back, eh.....!*

If she had a personality that could persuaded, Hayate wouldn't be having such troubles all the time.

「.....Got it」

While nodding, Hayate boosted his determination and self-control to the limits.

In the end Hayate too was a man. There was no way he wouldn't get aroused in such a situation. He had the confidence that if he made one mistake he would dash to the horizon of mistakes.

That's why, prudently.....Hayate moved his hand towards the front of her body from under her arms, while he standing behind her.

「Ah, NNkuuhh.....!」

The moment Hayate's hand touched her stomach, Sherry raised a gasping sound louder than before.

The current posture was as if Hayate was embracing Sherry from behind. They were more closely glued than the time he was rubbing her back.

「I'm going to wash it.....」

「.....Come」

Sherry's every word now seemed like an aphrodisiac of the finest quality.

Every time her whispers hit his earlobe, Hayate fought back hard against the lust that seemed to burst out from inside him, and he continued to caress her stomach.

「Ahnn!」

When he touched the navel, she raised an even loud voice.

Probably unintentionally, Sherry put her hands above Hayate's as if to pin them down. He was almost done, but Hayate let her hand lead his hand.

Soon enough.....Sherry raised his right hand above her stomach.

「—Fuu.....!」

The moment his hand touched her breast, she again endured the voice. She was about to raise a voice that she had to endure no matter what.....

「.....Hayate. Move your hands」

Sherry turned around and with upturned eyes she demanded that.

「Please.....I don't want to take the lead always」

「.....!」

Hayate held back the urge to pour power in his right hand.

*Now that she says that, I've never touched her first till now.....except for the kiss on that night.*

Of course an exception was whenever he would take out the 『Seele』 .

He had touched Sherry's body number of times, but they were all because she would forcibly take his hand and let him touch her.

At this late point, he thought that it was in the end, cruel.

*The master-servant pact of manservant and slave, I've formed that deep bond with her, but I haven't done anything to her. It's only natural for her to worry.*

Moreover, Victoria had been touching Hayate a lot more recently, and that smearing suntan lotion to boot. Sherry let Hayate touch her body to oppose that, it was a reasonable thing to do, in a sense.

He was a pitiful man.

Hayate thought that, although this late, he still wanted to let her feel satisfaction.

「I will try to do it gently, but I might also put power reflexively.....sorry if it will hurt」

「.....It's fine. Do as you want」

That sweet whisper pulled the trigger of Hayate.

His movements, which had been reserved till now, changed and he suddenly embraced her whole body. While being glued together, he traced her breasts and thighs.

「Aaaaa.....!NNh!, AannnnHhhhh.....!」

From above the white swimsuit that was already too narrow and transparent, a man's firm hand was fondling her breasts, that caused her bite her finger to bear the loud voice that might've even reached the women's bath just neighbouring their bathroom.

「.....! .....!」

Hayate was also enduring. He knew that they didn't want to do *to that extent* in this place. This was just Hayate clearing up the debts he had piled up until now.

That's why he understood to not do anything more than what Sherry asked him and that was just 「washing her body」 .....that's how it was, but it was possible to endure all the lust for her, whom he was touching with his hand, which lead her to kill her voice and flush her whole body.

「Haya, te.....」

「Sher, ry.....」

Both were covered in foam. It was the proof of how much the two had touched each other.

Both thought of not going above this, and this became their limit.

Their lips were closed in as if being sucked in by each other.....and the moment their bindings holding them behind were about to come off—

「Mitsurugi-sama. I've brought the change of clothes」

「 「!?」 」

They both came to their senses due to the voice of a third person in the dressing room.

Apparently the maid who went to take the clothes for Hayate had returned.

「T-Thank you very much!」

While thanking in a panic, Hayate only prayed that the maid wouldn't open the door of bathroom.

「The dinner will be done, please come out fast」

Fortunately the maid only told the important facts and left the dressing room.





「Fuuuuu~~~」

Hayate took a large breath of relief.

It was a crisis but, thanks to that happening, they both didn't cross the line. That point was also fortunate.

「It's fine now, right?」

「.....Yea」

They both separated with reluctance.

「You shouldn't forget Hayate——」

Sherry weaved out words with her cheeks still red.

「——That you're my manservant. No matter the time, you should think of me first」

Hayate kneeled down and dropped his head to those words.

「As you wish. Master」

## Part 5

Finishing the formal dinner with family head, Sylvana; Hayate was resting in his room.

「T-T-Toilet」

There was no toilet near his room, so he went deep in the mansion and did his business.

「AAh」

Washing his hands, he tried to return to his room.....en route, he noticed light leaking out from the office room of Sylvana.

The time he was passing by the door, he heard the voices of Sylvana and head maid.

「Is Victoria having a hard time?」

「That's right. I had thought that Victoria-ojousama would be easily able to finish the mission」

*Mission? .....is it about the quest?*

But it was Sylvana who had said the quest about Demonic Beast investigation would start from tomorrow. So what did it mean by the manner of speaking as if Victoria was doing the quest alone?

Hayate stopped his legs, pricked his ears and listened.

The report-like lines of head maid continued.

「That Scharlachrot-sama is formidable even above the imaginations. It can't be dealt with ordinary means」

*Now they're talking about Sherry? Just what is it about they are talking?*

Hayate neared the door for hearing more clearly, but ended up raising sounds.

「Who is there!?!」

*Crap!*

Hayate, having his eavesdropping found out, dashed from that place before the head maid came out, and he returned back to his room.

# Chapter 04: First Day of the Quest

## Part 1

Next day.

*Just what was that about yesterday.....?*

That about yesterday obviously meant about the conversation between Sylvana and head maid.

He was bothered by it, but the information he got was too much fragmentary that not even a guess could be made.

*Having said that, asking the person herself itself is also quite.....*

Hayate looked at the 「person」 while thinking about that.

「The aforesaid Demonic Beasts-like figure had been spotted in this area」

Sylvana pointed at the valley among the mountains while saying that.

Hayate and others ascended the mountain road by the carriage, but the distance was short enough from port city Puerto that one could walk till here.

The spotters of that Demonic Beasts-like figure were many, some were the ones who came inside the mountain for taking herbs, while some were the ones who were just walking on the mountain road.

「If there are so many testimonies, then I feel that the detailed report about its appearance should also be coming up now.....?」

Aria questioned Sylvana. The mechanical owl present on her shoulder was currently gone to scout out the valley from the sky.

「Although they are witness testimonies, the information from each of them are too diverse, and so we don't know the identity of the Demonic Beasts. The only common thing among them is the fact they all heard a strange cry」

「cry.....is it? Are you sure it isn't a cry of some normal animal.....?」

「The testimonies are from people of the fief, who enter the mountain every year. They obviously know the cries of animals living in the mountain. And there are some who seem to have seen a shadow of Demonic Beasts, although not clearly. However, those testimonies are differ with each other.....」

According a certain elder person, the shadow was as big as a bear cub and it had three wings growing out.

According to a certain couple, the shadow was of a beast walking on two legs with the head of a bird, the beak had sharp fangs lined up.

According to a certain girl, the shadow was of monkey, but it's tail had another head, supposedly.

「Hmm, I see. There sure are quite a lot of interesting Demonic Beasts」

Aria let out that impression after hearing the stories.

「Interesting? .....so, the Demonic Beasts we are investigating doesn't have a distinct appearance, as of yet」

「So this quest is to investigate the identity of that Demonic Beasts, right?」

「That's right. The subjugation will be done by the Knight Order of our Verde Family, only after knowing the identity of the Demonic Beasts」

Around the time quest contents were confirmed, Aria's Servant, Miria, returned.

「Hmm.....unfortunately it wasn't able to find the Demonic Beasts from the sky」

Aria reported while patting the head of Miria.

If it was found out from the sky it would've been easier, but it didn't seem to go as that fortunately.

「It can't be helped then. Let's descend in the valley by ourselves」

Sylvana declared without any particular disappointment.

「In that case, Hayate」

「I know」

They were going to descend down into a valley where the Demonic Beasts might be present, so some preparations were needed to be done beforehand.

Hayate overlapped the contract mark on Sherry's chest with his right hand.

「Creating——『Laevateinn』!」

「Nh! Aaaanh!」

.....It felt like Sherry's voice was louder than usual, whenever he took out the sword.

He inadvertently remembered about the stuff in bathroom yesterday, and Hayate felt his body heat increasing.

「.....」

—Sylvana was looking at those two with extremely steady stare.

「Cast— 『Tailworm』 ！」

「Cast— 『Volcanic Gauntlet』 ！」

Victoria and Kiruru also manifested their 『Wand』 .

「Huh? Are Aria and Sylvana.....-san not going to take out the 『Wand』 ?」

「Yeah. Whenever I Cast my 『Wand』 , Miria becomes immovable. This time we are here to investigation, so we will go like this」

「Kyururu」

*Hmm. I see. Leaving Aria like that, what about Sylvana?*

「Don't worry about me」

Apparently Sylvana was also fine going in like that.

Well Casting the 『Wand』 consumed magical energy, although a small amount, so preserving it for the critical time was also a good decision.

「I'm going to startup the 《Rorschach》 . Please wait for a few minutes」

「Got it」

Sherry started preparing for 《Rorschach》 after giving a notice in advance.

Within less than three minutes, dozens of ice lumps gently floated surrounding her. These ice lumps each were a sort of watchtower that would notify the presence of enemy.

「Then let's go」

With Sylvana's voice, the quest started genuinely.

Incidentally it is at equilibrium with schoolwork so, the time period given for a quest was at big just one week, if that passed the quest would fail and the students would be forcibly brought back to the Academy. As for quests having a time period above one week, didn't exist in the Academy, and were the problems, which either the country or the Knight Order of the nobles of that territory, would solve.

Completing the quest was all based on Hayate and others' ability and luck.

Everyone entered the bushes from the open mountain road, and started descending down the valley.

「Isn't this valley very deep and wide.....what do if we get lost?」

「It's fine with Miria here. We can know the way back from anywhere」

「That reliefs me」

Having been relieved, they again continued on descending down the slope.

The investigation was being held by relying on the olfactory sense of Black Dog and 《Rorschach》.

Along the way an idea of breaking in two groups came out, but the client Sylvana also said to not hurry up unreasonably, so taking the disaster of being stranded into considered, the investigation was continued with everyone together.

The first hour ended without finding anything in particular.

Soon enough they reached the bottom of the valley, they found a place with a flowing brook and was quite open, so they temporarily took a break there.

「Fuh.....」

Hayate heaved a sigh while sitting on a moderate boulder.

Also because this was his first quest, setting aside his body, the mental fatigue was being accumulated. Moreover he had been walking down the hill road while forcing his way through the trees and bushes, so it was great that he could rest in an open place like this, which gave a sense of freedom.

「H-Hayate-san」

Victoria came near the place he was sitting.

「Oh so it's Victoria, eh」

「What do you mean by oh so it's Victoria!」

Resenting the reaction by Hayate, Victoria sat beside him while feigning a casual attitude. Although saying beside him, because they were on the same boulder that their distance was pretty close.

*W-What is happening.....? My body temperature is!*

They were too close that he could feel her body heat from her ass that was glued together with his ass, and along with feeling that softness, Hayate couldn't help but be embarrassed.

「H-Hey」

「What is it? Do you have a problem?」

「No, nothing in particular.....」

Her brow rose up causing Hayate to take back the words.

After the silence reigned for a while, Victoria suddenly took out a canteen, poured the tea in the cup, which was also the cap, and offered it to Hayate.

「Here. Have a drink」

「Yeah, thanks.....ow hot!」

The tea was hotter than he thought and Hayate separated his mouth from the cup.

「.....Is it too hot?」

「Yeah」

「I see, t-th-then it can't be helped. Hand it over here」

「 ? 」

As asked, Hayate held out the cup with tea towards her.

「Then.....I'll start now」

He looked thinking what she would do,

「Fuu, Fuuu, Fuuuu.....!」

Only to find Victoria brushing up the hair near her ear and heaving long breaths to cold down the hot tea.

*This.....is that service from 『Bery-In Café』 .*

Moreover she was a person who failed in this before due to losing to shame.

And she was doing it for the sake of Hayate, apparently.

Having said that, it didn't mean she had conquered the shame.....while being red till her earlobes, she was earnestly blowing breaths towards the tea.

「.....H-How is it now? Can you drink it now?」

「Err, then, bon appetite」

Victoria was staring too intensively, so Hayate drank up the tea, which had now become lukewarm.

Hayate returned the cup to her along with words of gratitude, but Victoria didn't try to move from there. Naturally their asses were still glued together. But it was awkward to cruelly separate her.

*Hmm, if Sherry saw this me, she will again do that.*

He was worried, but Sherry, after being asked by Sylvana, had went around the resting place to arrange the 《Rorschach》 in the surroundings, and so she hadn't returned till now. Kiruru and Aria were talking at a slightly separated place so, there was no one who could disturb Hayate and Victoria.

「H-Hey.....」

Victoria called out in a hesitating voice.

「What is the relationship of Hayate-san and Scharlachrot-san?」

「What is it?.....it's just as you know」

Hayate and Sherry, although were special more or less, but fundamentally they were in the relationship of Servant and Hexenritter.

「.....Is that really true?」

「Eh?」

*Huh? So you're not gonna bite with just this much?*

Then what was the answer Victoria was seeking?

While bending his head a little, Hayate looked at the face of Victoria from the side, only to find her,

「Then even I have chance.....」

Muttering those words.

「Vic——」

The time he tried to ask what she was muttering about—a strange chill ran down his spine and Hayate lifted his head fiercely.

「W-What happened?」

Lured by his actions, Victoria also surveyed the surroundings.

At that time, Sylvana, who had been scouting the surroundings of resting place, returned back.

「Victoria」



「Onee-sama?」

「The Demonic Beasts has appeared. Brace yourself」

「！」

Victoria's expression changed to the words of her elder sister.

「Hayate」

Along with Sylvana, Sherry who had been setting up the 《Rorschach》 in the surroundings also returned.

Aria and Kiruru also came running to them, the six gathered in a single place and watched the surroundings.

The place Hayate and others were in was a pit made by being surrounded by the trees of mountain. The brook flowing near their legs was shallow enough to stride across easily, so it wouldn't be a problem during the fight.

Hayate took a stance with 『Laevateinn』 while others with their 『Wand』 to deal with the Demonic Beasts, no matter which direction it came from.

*Huh? Where is the Servant of Sylvana?*

Hayate finally realized that there was no figure of her Servant to be seen.

「Come forth, Undine」

Sylvana said that while facing a space with nothing—no, nothing.....it wasn't like that. Just Hayate couldn't see it.

\*splash\*.....!

At first sound of water rang out.

At first Hayate thought the sound came from the brook flowing below, but it was different. The sound of water came from right behind Sylvana.

Answering to her voice, the moisture in the air condensed to form a single shape.

「Aaaaa.....」

The shape was a water shape of a truly beautiful female. Maybe it was the Servant Undine of Sylvana.

「Cast— 『Diomare Trident』 」

Taking the command from her master, the contract mark on the stomach of the Undine glowed.

Like that a spear of blue colour from shaft to spearhead appeared. The blade of the spearhead was divided into three parts, while each had a design of scales etched on them.

Sylvana, having gotten hold of her 『Wand』 , faced towards Aria.

「Aria. Your Servant can record the data of fights, right?」

「Yes, it can」

「Then you stay in the centre of this circular formation and record the Demonic Beasts」

「Understood」

Aria nodded easily.

「Relax. I will protect you for the time you are recording it」

Sylvana said the words as if natural, she wasn't being cocky. After informing Aria, she now opened her mouth facing towards Hayate and others.

「There are quite a number of Demonic Beasts here, if going by their presence. Attack one at a time. Retreat if the situation takes turn for bad. Leave the work of wiping off the asses of you all to me」 (TL: No, she's not going to wipe their asses, literally, just an saying which means, she will cover up for them)

Maybe this was called dignity; every word Sylvana said had a persuasive power in them. She even sensed their approximate numbers while Hayate could only feel the presence of Demonic Beasts as a sort of chill.

And.

「6 o'clock, 10 o'clock, in 12 o'clock direction!」

Sherry shouted out after sensing the charge of Demonic Beasts via 《Rorschach》 .

From the front of Hayate—the 12 o'clock direction, came out an quadruped with a crooked figure.

「W-What is it!?!」

There were 3 bat-like wings sprouting from its back. There were 2 wings facing right side and 1 facing left. What did it use the one on the right side for? The wings were just like bones and skin, but its body was hairy making his limbs look bizarrely thick. Its head was dog-ish and there was no pupil in its eyes that were completely dyed in red.

Three 3 Demonic Beasts among them with that sort of appearance rushed while aiming at Hayate.

But he couldn't be keeping on getting afraid of that grotesque thing.

「——!」

Victory to the one who moves first!

Hayate kicked off the ground strongly and covered the distance between the Demonic Beasts at once.

「UoooooRRaaaaa!」 (TL: Something like what Paul (probably) from Tekken shouts)

The sharp blade of 『Laevateinn』 was swung outwards.

「Gihyaaa!」

Raising an unpleasant scream, neither resembling that of bird nor animal, and was cut down in two parts.

*Do they not have that high defensive power?*

Hayate analysed.

*In that case, I can make through with just 『Laevateinn』 !*

He swung again for saving everyone—but, suddenly a scene that made him doubt his eyes came flying in his vision.

「Gikyugigi」

「!？」

The Demonic Beasts he had cut down just now, started regenerating.....!

The body that was cut in two parts extended tentacles like thing from the cut-section, and join each other. Then the Demonic Beasts was resurrected as though it had never been cut in the first place.

「Kuh!」

In a fluster, Hayate again slew down the Demonic Beasts with his 『Laevateinn』 .

However, it ended the same.

「Shit! What is this regenerative power!？」

The blade itself was trivial thing. But what truly was irritating was the fact that they could regenerate no matter how much they were cut.

「This! Just vanish already!」

「Uuuuuh, what should we do!?!」

Victoria and Kiruru, fighting the same sort of Demonic Beasts, seemed to have a hard time.

Their Servants boldly faced against them, but as expected, couldn't defeat them.

At that time.

「Victoria. It's no good like that」

Sylvana in a natural posture while holding spear spoke in her monotonous voice.

「!?!」

Hearing the line of her elder sister, the attacking hand of Victoria wavered for a second and her face showed an shocked expression.

「Kigyurirara!」

Dashing through that gap, one Demonic Beasts slipped through 『Tailworm』 and attacked Sylvana.

「Onee-sama!」

「This is how you do in fights like this」

Sylvana was unperturbed even to the fangs of Demonic Beasts approaching her, and easily raised the spearhead of 『Diomare Trident』 .

「Magika Aquarius Cage」

Due to her declaration of Magika, an orb of water was generated from the spearhead.

The produced water orb became as big as a wine cask within the blinking of an eye, and she aimed her spearhead towards the Demonic Beasts from which the water orb was fired with the speed of shells of artillery.

「Kigyurirara!」

The Demonic Beasts which jumped to attack Sylvana was wrapped up in the water orb—Aquarius Cage, and its movements stopped.

「Kigu.....Ririri!」

The mouth that was somewhat peeking out from water cried out in a painful voice.

Apparently Aquarius Cage was a Magika for stopping the movements of opponent.

In contrast with Demonic Beasts having its movements stopped, Sylvana wouldn't stop.

「Magika Aqua Javelin」

Next change occurred in the brook flowing below her feet.

In the brook which didn't have enough water amount and was flowing so slowly that it would shame even the lazy people, suddenly an undulation appeared which turned into a big spearhead. That was just like jaw of dragon.

「Go」

Matching the movement of 『Wand』 within Sylvana's hands, the big water spear ran past the air.

The aimed target was obviously the Demonic Beasts being constrained by Aquarius Cage.

「KiGyuu!」

The Demonic Beasts having its movements sealed was engulfed in the Aqua Javelin without having chance to resist, and no traces of it remained.

「.....I see!」

If they could regenerate then just destroy them until nothing remains. It was simple, but still peerlessly great plan.

「『Laevateinn』!」

Hayate imagined about the time when he had killed that Cyclops.

As if responding to his will the blade of 『Laevateinn』 burned red hot, and changed into a lump of fire with super hot temperature.

「Wooooohhhh!!」

Along with a loud shout, he drove the blade along with obliteration flames around it into the Demonic Beasts.

Like that the body of Demonic Beasts was burned and extinguished without even leaving a single ash of its body.

「Gigigigi.....」

As he aimed, the body of Demonic Beasts was completely extinguished without even leaving some body part that might've been their foothold for the regeneration.

「Good! Next one!」

Hayate got rid of other two Demonic Beasts also with his 『Laevateinn』 .

Hayate got rid of the Demonic Beasts that came from 12 o'clock direction and tried to assist others in their fight, but by that time Sylvana had already finished off all the Demonic Beasts.

Returning the 『Diomare Trident』 into magical particles, Sylvana faced towards him.

「So you're done over there?」

「Yes」

「Hmm.....you can do quite great work」

「..... ? 」

*Was I just praised right now? Her expression seems dissatisfied for some reason, though.....no, she's always having that sour look.*

「Aria. Have you recorded the data of that Demonic Beasts?」

「Yea. Just perfectly!」

「I see. Then today's investigation ends here. Let's return to the mansion」

Like that, the first day of Hayate's first quest ended.

## Part 2

「Hey, how about dropping by the city?」

Finishing their first day of investigation, they all returned to the port city. While moving around the city in the carriage, Hayate offered such a plan.

「Look, the investigation today ended quite fast and the sun is also up right now. Yesterday we were in swimsuits so we couldn't have strolled around, but isn't it a great opportunity today? Kiruru was also saying to play in the city」

Saying all that, it was Hayate who wanted to go in the city the most. He already couldn't hold back his excitement.

Without any objections and also getting the agreement from Sylvana, Hayate and others got down from the carriage right in the middle of city, without going back to Verde Mansion.

「I will go back first」

「Understood. Onee-sama」

They saw off the carriage with Sylvana inside it.

「Then let's go」

Hayate stood in front of everyone while saying that and started strolling around the city.

Same as when he saw from the window of carriage, Puerto was truly an abnormally lively city. Many people wearing clothing that couldn't be found in the Academy City Avenir crossed by them, they were probably foreigners that came via boats.

Facing the street with market opened, it was overflowing with people and things.

「Whoa!」

Foods that he had never seen or items that he had absolutely not in the least idea of where to use, and also being hit by the heat of the crowding people, Hayate let out a voice of admiration. That also was suppressed by the hustle in the surroundings and became a part of the liveliness of the city.

「We~ll, there sure a lot of people! Hey, the clothes of that person are great, right. The embroidery is also good~」

「They are clothes preferred in the countries of the west. They hand-sew it all without using magic」

「Heeh, isn't that all too awesome」

He had been saying great, good, awesome since before, but it couldn't be helped because they were all great things to him.

Apparently even without amnesia and whatnot, he had a personality filled with vim and vigour for curiosity.

「Hey, Aria what's that?」

「What? Ah, that is—」

Hayate showed interest in people passing by or items lined up within stores, and Aria, having extensive knowledge, gave him the answers. This sort of conversations had been going on since quite a long time.

While he was walking the market road, abruptly the sleeve of his cloths was pulled.

「Buy an apple!」

「Hm?」

Lowering his gaze, there a little girl not even 10 years old was presenting him an apple while smiling.

Looking closely there were several apples in her knitted basket, apparently she was selling the apples to tourist visiting this market. Her name was 「Saya」 and she called out to them after seeing their clothes, supposedly.

「Apple, eh. Then, let's buy one?」

「Ye~s」

Recently he also got his part-time earnings, so he said it easily, but,

「Please wait」

「Ah, ow」

Sherry poked his head from behind, and was made to stop from buying.

「What is it? Isn't it fine for just a single apple」

「I won't say not buy. But at least at the product before」

As Sherry had been doing various part-time jobs to earn her tuition fees, so she was more used to the ways of world compared to other noble ladies, and so she was able to be perfectly strict at times like this.

She took the apple from Saya and checked for and rottenness and cuts.

「Yeah. It looks fine. It is fresh」

「That's ri~ght. I have collected it just before! It is fresh」

Maybe Saya also thought that the deal was done and said praises about her apple. For the time being, he got permission from Sherry, Hayate paid the money and bought the apple from the girl.

「Thank you! Onii-chan! How about Onee-chans over there」

「That's right. Then, I will also take one」

「Me too」

Victoria and Kiruru also bought, while Saya was smiling complacently having sold many.

「Thank you for the patronage~! Buy again if we meet!」 (TN: Patreon guys, please guys and girls, Patreon it!)



Waving her hand while smiling, Saya disappeared in the crowds of people while looking for new customers.

「Then, let's start heading back to the mansion」

「Eeeeeghhh~~~」

「I've gotten tired of walking already」

Hayate raised a voice of objection, but the girl circle all agreed with Victoria, so he had no choice but to not reluctantly. Following after them, Hayate left the market.

「Uuu.....」

Hayate was trudgingly walking behind them all when—he suddenly back as if he sensed something.

「.....Hm?」

*What is it? I sensed a stare.....*

He thought Saya came back to them for searching she lost, but Hayate couldn't see the figure of that apple-selling girl anywhere. Moreover there were too many people in the street, so he couldn't also discern who was looking at him just now.

「.....?」

「Hayate!」

He was more or less concerned about it, but Sherry called out his name from the front and Hayate left the market without paying much heed to it.

### **Part 3**

Night of the same day. Hayate, having finished his dinner was recommended to enter the open-air bath by Sylvana.

「But isn't there only one open-air bath?」

He felt uneasy to enter a bath where only residents of Verde Family can enter, his uneasiness only increased because he was also a man.

「The open-air bath is the one of the pride of our house. We always recommend important guests there. Dividing the time, the males and females would enter differently, so no problem」

*In that case*, saying that Hayate nodded.

Although he was restraining back there, he still wanted to enter there at least once.

「〜〜〜♪」

Like that, Hayate waited in the room as per the bathing times told by head maid, and when his time came he entered the open-air bath in a cheerful mood.

Washing the body to get rid of dirt, he moved towards the bathtub created by joining it up with the rock.

「Fuuu〜〜」

Due to the comfortable feeling of hot water piercing his crown of head, he felt an violent sense of relief.

The large public bath yesterday after the dinner was also good, but the open-air bath had a peculiar flavour to it. He could nod to the fact Sylvana recommended this place.

While relaxing to the extent of melting inside the bathtub, Hayate submerged the body more while stretching out his legs.

At that time, a sliding sound of door opening rang out.....

*Again Sherry!?*

His relaxing body went into nervous mode within the blink of an eye.

Rather than nervous mode it was more like battle mode.....

Currently Hayate's was submerged in the water till his chin, and thanks to the vapour along with shade of rocks his face couldn't be seen from the entrance.

That's why the person who just entered now wouldn't be able to see Hayate, moreover this was his time for bathing, even the head maid said as such, there was no way he could think of a person who didn't know about that.

In other words, the other person entered the open-air bath after fully knowing Hayate was already inside.....

*It's definitely Sherry.*

He still reached the same result. After all there was a same previous offence before.

But having identified the culprit, how should he oppose against her?

Judging from the sound of water, apparently the other person came beside Hayate and was using the bucket to bath. From the thin arms that he could glance at, they were absolutely that of a girl. She would definitely enter the bathtub after finishing the water-pouring bath.

*What to do.....What to do!?*

*.....No, let it yesterday or today, should I always loose to her?*

*Even I need to show that I can make her loose.....that's right, as a man! She hasn't noticed my position yet, there is still a chance for surprise attack!*

*This time I will make you surprised!*

Hayate thought with his quite hot brains.

—If his head was cool right now, he would have decided this idea to be the peerlessly idiotic one.

Having said that; there was no one here who would pour cold water on him.

Hence he didn't stop.

「Doryaaa!」

「!？」

Hayate stood up with vigour.

And stopped.

「 「.....」 」

The person who was stiffened because of Hayate suddenly appeared from the shade of rock, wasn't Sherry.

In fact it was Victoria.

Completely naked.

「W-W-W-Why are you here!？」

「T-T-T-That's is my line!？」

They both were confused to this unexpected situation.

「I came here after hearing it my was time from the head maid!」

「Don't be ridiculous! Even I was told by head maid.....!」

There Victoria made an taken aback expression as if she remembered something.

On the other hand, Hayate having his guess hit the wrong mark was only in panic.....and remembered that he hadn't covered anything on his body,

「I-I-I don't know exactly but sorry! No, I AM SORRY! And so gud-bye!」

He tried to deceive with force and tried to leave the bathroom.

However—that hand was grasped by Victoria.

*Did I fail in deceive her!?*

Hayate close his eyes while resolving himself for taking on any sort of scolding.

However, even more confusion attacked him.

「T-.....There's no need for you go out」

「!?!?!?」

*It's fine to not leave.....is what she means.....?*

Hayate never thought that reply and opened his eyes for confirming it.

Victoria grabbing his hand covered her body with a single towel—no, she wasn't exactly hiding anything—and was looking away with red cheeks. Her expression was of embarrassment rather than anger.

「G-Go, return back to the bathtub」

Victoria pushed Hayate towards the bathtub and she.....while hesitating entered the bathtub while making sound of water splashing. She sat down right behind him.

「.....」

「.....」

The bathtub was filled with silence.

Only the sound of water drop dropping were heard, among that the two sitting not even 10 cm apart kept on being silent without knowing what to speak.

*What is Victoria thinking.....? Yesterday at the beach it was the same, but her actions have turned extreme after coming here.....*

As an extra the incentive behind her actions were unknown.

He had absolutely no idea as to why she was doing something like this.

「Victoria.....what are you planning to do?」

「Y-You're noisy! Shut up!」

Apparently she had no intention of answering. Hayate heaved a sigh.

*You voice is shrill and nervous.....*

「.....」

Looking at the face of the other person from over his shoulder, that was already like a red-boiled octopus. Frankly, she didn't seem to be doing this because she wanted to.....

At that time, Victoria shouted out as if she wasn't able to bear the nervousness.

「B-Back!」

「What?」

「I'm saying the back, your back! I-I will wa-wa-was-wash your back」

She declared while stammering as ever.

「Eh? No, I have washed the body before entering.....」

「No question or answers allowed! Just do as I say!」

Victoria forcibly made Hayate stand up and pulled him to the washing place. Naturally she was guiding him, so her ass was right in front of his, shaking like a jelly.

Making him sit on a wooden chair, she went around his back while holding a vessel with some liquid.

He felt completely drifting in flow, but without having even a single clue to break from this situation, Hayate kept on sitting on the chair while being obedient.

*.....Huh? Now that I think, Victoria didn't have a sponge, right.....?*

Thinking what she would be trying to do—suddenly two tremendously soft and big something press on Hayate's back.

「Iii!」

「P-P-Please don't move」

「No, but, you」

*This thing sliding on my back along with squishy feeling and foam is.....now matter how I think about it.....!*

Having been put in situation different in a sense from that of yesterday's, Hayate's body went stiff. His thoughts also stopped along with his body, he wasn't able to think.

In that time he let Victoria do as she wanted.....and her boobies sponge kept on washing him rendering him unmovable.

This place an open-air bath so being exposed to open air after leaving the water his body should've been getting cold, but due to the nervousness and the sensation coming from his back, his body just kept on burning hot.

*S-Soft! Why is this happening to me? Sherry's was also good, but the feeling of groping them and having them rubbed on back are both different.....!*

Soon Victoria's movement stopped.

The back was done.

In other words.....

「T-Th-Then the front.....」

「Nononononono! That won't be good! The front is definitely a no-go!」

*Didn't I wash the front of Sherry myself yesterday!*, retorting to himself within his mind.....but he just couldn't let this flow continue onwards!

Moreover.

「We will be killed if Sherry us like this!」

「..... ! 」

The moment Sherry's name came out, Victoria's expression distorted slightly.

However, Hayate having his back facing her couldn't possibly notice that.

「A-Anyhow I'm outta here now! T-Then later」

Poking the gap she made by stopping her movements, Hayate tried to leave the open-air bath in a hurry.

But.....in a hurry he didn't notice the soap down his foot and \*slip\* he ended up stepping on it.

「Owaaah!？」

\*Cra~~~~sh\*

Making a grandiose sound, Hayate fainted.

## **Part 4**

*U.....gh.....*

Hayate opened his eyes in half wakefulness.

*Where is this place.....? On top of bed.....?*

The sensation coming from his back was of bed, but the weight on top of his body was soft yet heavy. *Just what is it.....*

「O-.....Onee-sama.....what to do.....」

「You do.....it like this.....」

「.....Hm」

Hayate's earlobe heard that sort of conversation while he was still not completely awake.

*What, is it.....?*

*It feels strangely too good.*

Hayate opened his eyes—and seeing a completely naked Sylvana reflected in his eyes, his consciousness awoke at once.

「W-What!?!」

「.....」

Seeing Hayate who had spoke out, she didn't say anything, even while knowing that he had woken up. She didn't even try to hide her naked body that had no cloth on it.

「..... ! 」

Moreover suddenly he noticed that a little behind Sylvana, a half-naked Victoria was sitting on top of bed with a red face. She was at least trying to her breasts. Although it had no effect.

On top of all that, Hayate noticed that he was in an cruel state while just having a sigle towel wrapped around his waist.

「What is it!? What is this situation!?!」

With an confused head, Hayate raised a voice seeming like a scream.

「Hearing you fainted in the open-air bath, head maid carried you to the room」

「I thank for that, but how does it relate to the current situation!?!」

He himself thought it was foolish enough to faint after slipping due to soap, but he had no idea for why he was surrounded by two beautiful sisters on top of the bed.

「By the way, Hayate」

Perfectly ignoring his question, Sylvana asked him.

「Is your body healthy?」

「Eh? Umm, what do you.....?」

Hayate asked backed without understanding the meaning behind her question.

「I'm asking if there is no obstacle in creating a kid」

Sylvana replied with an unthinkable answer.

Naturally, comprehending the meaning behind those words, Hayate was startled.

「Child!? No, what are you saying suddenly!?!」

「Answer me. Is there no problem in your healthiness?」

「Eh, but.....yes, I think my body is healthy」

「Then fine. Let's continue」

「Don't ya daaaaaaaare!」

He desperately kept back Sylvana who was trying to lean on him, completely naked.

「Why are you turning red, lustful demon」

「Whose fault do you think it is!?!」

「I'm just an helper. You should lust for Victoria」

「H-Huh!?!」

*Helper? Lust? I don't get the meaning at all.*

Hayate sent a gaze to Victoria for asking help, but she was looking downwards with a red face.

「Victoria. Come here」

「.....Yes」

Being called by Sylvana, Victoria came near their place. That time her clothes were disordered and she also became almost nude.

「Nono, just wait a bit!!!!!!!」

Inserted between the two nude bodies of beautiful sisters, Hayate tried to back off but it didn't go as well on top of bed.

The two chased after both sides of Hayate while crawling on all fours. The four deadly bulges were distorted, and an extremely bewitching scene spread before his eyes.

「Hayate-san.....」



Victoria approached him with a wet voice and face that she never showed, causing Hayate to gulp down his saliva.

*Just what the hell is going on!? I had been thinking Victoria was acting strange, but why is even Sylvana adding here!?*

*No.....it's different?*

Hayate recalled the conversation between Sylvana and head maid which he had eavesdropped.

If she was talking about *this* at that time.....then the cause of all this wasn't Victoria but Sylvana? While he was thinking, Victoria kept on approaching him.

「Hayate-san」

Wet eyes, flushed cheeks. Wet lips. Painful panting.

「Cu——」

And the time, the lips and lips were almost connected—something snapped within Hayate.

「——Cut it oooooooooout!!」

Raising his upper body, he shook off Victoria and Sylvana.

The bed was quite big so the two didn't fall down, but still Hayate was able to create a distance between the two of them.

「What is with you suddenly saying this and that about creating child!? I can't be going along with this damned ridiculous situation!」

Hayate roared, pushed the two forcibly and got down from the bed. Stepping down he turned around and called out to Victoria, who was avoiding his gaze.

「Victoria!」

「!」

「Hey, why are you doing something like this? After fighting together in the examination, I thought.....we had got on slightly good terms」

At a glance this also was a pretty intimate situation, but the reason behind it was differing.

「.....This is the decision of family」

「Decision of family?」

「Yes.....」

Maybe finally not being able to bear it all, Victoria told everything in a crying-like voice.

The 「decision of family」 she said were the order and commands derived from the decision made patriarch and descendant meetings of Verde Family.

Some weeks ago when Victoria's elder sister Sylvana, the current family head of Verde Family, came to the Academy and gave Victoria the following order.

『Obtain the sperms of the only man able to use 『Wand』 , Hayate Mitsurugi』

「.....Huh?」

「In short it meant to seduce you and bear your child」

Victoria explained plainly to Hayate, who let out an idiotic sound.

The nobles have only married among nobles for not letting their blood become diluted. That was to increase the internal magical energy reserve, and give birth to a strong Hexenritter that could weave a pact with a stronger Servant.

The bottleneck at this point was that the men didn't possess magical energy. In short they couldn't help but rely on family status to ascertain the 『nature』 of the man about to be married.

But, at that point a man named Hayate, who could use 『Wand』 —precisely it was 『Seele』 — appeared all of a sudden.

If the talent of other men in world, who didn't have magical energy, was zero, then what was the talent of Hayate? It was surely above zero. What would happen if his child was born?

Probably an Hexenritter holding extraordinary talent could be created.

「But, it isn't sure that only good results would come out. It is in the end, an exception. There is also a possibility of something truly absurd happening.....that's why, they are trying it out with me before Onee-sama, because she has higher talent and also because she is the family head」

「.....What the fuck is that」

Hayate leaked out a muttering filled with wrath towards Victoria who was explaining blandly.

The aim of that wrath was not her but.....the girl standing beside her, with her sour look as ever, Sylvana.

「Of course that tag examination was to see your ability. And, this quest was to invite you to this house.....」

「Why are you abiding by those shitty orders」

「.....It is the decision of the family. It's only natural to agree to it」

*What the fuck is that*, Hayate spat out with a scowling face.

He had a lot of things to say to her and her sister Sylvana, but his head was a mess right now and couldn't make out his words.

「.....Get out of here」

Hayate just told the two this much.

「.....」

Maybe she judged that she wouldn't be able to use anymore force, Sylvana wore the clothes and made Victoria wore them, then they went out of the room.

# Chapter 05: Connecting Feelings

## Part 1

2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Quest.

Even if something happened the previous night, the morning would come. Even if he didn't want to meet, as long the request was in process he had to meet them face to face.

「 「 「.....」 」 」

Hence the atmosphere within the carriage was frankly the worst.

The person Hayate couldn't forgive was Sylvana and that was actually appearing in his attitude in reality.

On the other hand he had less anger towards Victoria. Without knowing what to from now onwards after something like that happened, a strange atmosphere was flowing among them.

「Hayate-kun, did something happen?」

「No.....」

「But, it seems, somewhat.....」

「It's nothing」

Aria and Kiruru also worried about him, but he couldn't do anything but deceive them.

「.....」

Sherry also seemed to want to speak something, but she remained silent all the time. That was also way of worry towards him.

Soon enough the carriage arrived at the destination and same as yesterday, it went away after leaving Hayate and others.

「We will investigate the valley via different route than yesterday. The goal is to discover those Chimeras nest」

The Chimera were those regenerative Demonic Beasts which had an appearance of various animals mixed into one. It was possible that they were residing somewhere within this valley while making a nest.

Normally, the Demonic Beasts attack people indiscriminately as soon as they are born, but in rare cases, some attack humans in a planned manner while making a place as their base point. Most of the Demonic Beasts that act as latter had high intelligence.

「Let's move out」

They had planned to investigate the caves and dens made due to the slope of mountains. According to Sylvana, this place had many caves reaching way down in the ground. The probability of nests being there was high.

For starters, Hayate and others looked around dens with comparatively shallow bottom.

「Do the Demonic Beasts even make nests? According to the impressions I got from stories tend to say that they attack humans based on their instincts」

Whilst confirming each and every den, Hayate asked Aria.

「That depends. There sure are Demonic Beasts that attack humans purely based on their instincts. Taking the numerous witness reports this time into consideration, there's no doubt that those Chimeras had been using this mountain as their base point over a long period of time. But of course the appearances reported are too different for concluding the Demonic Beasts as the same species」

「Certainly they all had high regenerative ability, but just based on appearances they didn't seem similar」

The Demonic Beasts were living things having an unidentified and mysterious source of origin, but there had been no precedential report of a species of Demonic Beasts having differences per individual.

There was one more point of worry, Aria spoke.....

「There is a city at a distance easily covered by walking, there is also an mountain road for convenience, but there has been no reports of any casualties appearing due to it and that is weird.....but I feel some sort of strange aim.....although I don't understand it clearly」

Having meagre information, even her words became ambiguous.

Naturally, Aria had reported about her doubt to Slyvana.....however, it had been decided to continue on with the investigation of the Demonic Beast.

*That is probably because of me.....*

There was no doubt that this was only because of ulterior motives of Verde Family for stopping Hayate in the mansion to the last date of Quest, and attacking at the best chance.

Though after the incident from yesterday, it would now be difficult for Victoria to seduce Hayate anymore. At least in the assertiveness of her will. In that case the person he needed to guard against the most would be Sylvana.

「.....」

Even by peeking at her face, she was having her ever sour look, that made others not know what she was thinking.....and it made him perplexed in response.

*But well she is at the seat of head family, then the 「decision of family」 would mean the decision of Sylvana.....then did she order Victoria to do things like this?*

He thought that he would never be able to forgive that.

「We will investigate this cave next」

The group having finished the investigation of shallow dens in the surroundings, finally stepped into a slightly deep cave, as per Sylvana's command.

「It's unexpectedly bright?」

「Looks like plants emitting light are growing en masse here」

Looking after being told, there were faintly glowing things sticking on the walls and ceiling of the cave. Apparently thanks to those things the light source of guaranteed.

Relying on the light, he looked around in the cave that seemed like a natural cave rather than one created artificially. Hence there was no path that could be called a path, rather there was a rugged ground path made from rain water scraping off the ground. Hence they could only walk on that.

「So there are differences in levels. Sherry, your hand」

「Oh, thanks」

「Aria and Aria too」

「Thank you very much」

「Thank you」

Hayate descended below first and lend his hands to three girls.

「Victoria」

「Yes.....Onee-sama」

Sylvana also did the same as him, but the act of sisters seemed awkward.

Like that they kept on walking nearly an hour within the cave.

From the footprints left on the moss present within the cave it could be surmised some beast had come and gone from here, but it couldn't be concluded if it was of Chimera.

「We will take a rest for a while here」

Hayate and others stopped walking on Sylvana's command, and gave relief to their legs by sitting down.

「Pretty wide, this place. Almost like auditorium of the Academy」

「You're right. It almost seems like one will die if going down that hole」

In the dead centre of the open space Sherry pointed, there sure was a pretty big hole. He peeked inside it, but it was too dark inside for being able to see anything. It was pretty deep, it seems.

That moment Hayate discovered Victoria sitting alone in the corner of that open space.

「.....Sorry, Sherry. I'm going to Victoria's place」

「Hmm. Are you worrying that much about Victoria-san?」

「Ah! no, it don't mean in some different sense.....」

Hayate mumbled as if finding correct words.

Worrying about Victoria here could probably be meddlesome. Rather he was being targeted by Verde Family, he should actually be increasing the distance from here in that case.

But.....still.....

*How the heck can I leave Victoria in that state.*

The sensation seeming like a rising urge from the bottom on heart inadvertently moved Hayate's legs to face towards Victoria. He couldn't control that.

He racked his brain for finding a way to get the unexplainable sensation into words.....but abruptly, Sherry heaved a sigh.

「Well fine. Go now」

「Is it fine?」

She wasn't informed correctly, but still she was able to sense that something occurred between Hayate and those sisters. So why was she still allowing him to go to them?

「If I stopped you from going right now, it will be the same as me rejecting the you I fell in love」

「.....!」

Once before, there was time when Hayate had saved Sherry while being stimulated by the exactly same sensation he was feeling right now.

「Sorry」

「It's fine. This is the weakness of falling in love」

「~~~~」

The line was embarrassing enough to make him blush, even though he was the listener.

Hayate rushed towards Victoria, for talking it out with her and also for escaping from embarrassment.

「Yo!」

「.....」

No reply.

He sat beside her without minding it.

The silence continued for a while, but soon enough Victoria broke it first.

「.....What do you want?」

She asked curtly.

Hayate hesitated, wanting to get on main point after talking with roundabout topics; however, he decided to go straightforward here.

「Why did you accept that absurd order?」

「That.....is the decision of family after all」

「But the Victoria I know would definitely turn that down? She would start swinging the whip with a deep red face」

「Just what sort of character am I inside your mind!?!」

Seeing Hayate talking with exaggerated gestures, Victoria unintentionally raised her voice.

She seemed surprised soon enough and returned her vision down.....and started talking intermittently.



「I don't want to disappoint Onee-sama」

「Your sister?」

「Yea.....Onee-sama is the one truly fit for the name of Verde Family. She is strong, full of wisdom, harsh on herself, and never runs away from the responsibilities she is shouldering. She had been in the Chivalric Order of country before she became the family head, she had defeated numerous Demonic Beasts, sometimes even saved various people by putting her life on line. Compared to her I am.....」

No one knew the popular and honour student called Victoria had such a complex within her.

It alone represented how big of an existence Sylvana was to her.

「No matter how much I work hard, I can't win in anything against Onee-sama. ....That's why I thought to become strong at least. Becoming strong, I wanted to conquer the 『Walpurgis Night』 that even Onee-sama wasn't able to do」

「.....You wanted win against your sister?」

「That is wrong——」

Rejecting Hayate's words, Victoria showed a smile seeming too sad.

「——I wanted to see Onee-sama's face right from front, boldly. I wanted to puff up my chest saying I was her sister.....Onee-sama is my idol after all」

Victoria looked up at the ceiling of the cave.

「But, from Onee-sama's point of view, I'm just a worthless existence」

「.....Something like that is」

「If it was impossible, do you think she would order me to do something like this.....?」

「.....」

「I thought if seeing the ability in the examination before, she would probably take down the decision, but it didn't happen」

She didn't wanted to disappoint her sister, wanted to accomplish her sister's order.....however, being ordered something like that, she was feeling deeply, truly deeply hurt.....holding these two conflicting emotions, Victoria had been doing her work till now.

He finally grasped the reason behind her strange actions recently.

「.....」

As expected he wasn't able to forgive Sylvana.

Was this an act she should've done to her little sister, Victoria, who idolizes her so much?

Hayate stood up. He wanted to speak out to Sylvana for stopping her from forcing Victoria, but— at that moment.

\*bizz\*

「!？」

*This chill is!*

Hayate shifted his focus towards the deep part of the cave at once.

There weren't many plants casting light, hence it was dark.

「Gahgahgahh!」

From inside that darkness, Chimer appeared in great quantities.

「All hands, assemble!」

「Kuh!」

Although he thought badly of Sylvana, she was still the leader of this team currently. He also had to protect Sherry, so abiding by her command, he gathered in a single place with others.

「! They're big than the ones from before!」

The opponents were Chimera with an appearance of big bird and monkey with thorny arms.

The beak of the Chimeras opened not in the shape of 「一」 but in four side like 「十」 , inside it the sharp fangs were lined in rows. The Chimera of monkey had faces on the face side and tail side, it looked all the more grotesque.

*Just how much of a haphazard existence are Demonic Beasts! Are they seriously from the same species? Holy shit, they're scary!*

It felt like he lost his appetite just by looking at them.

But.....leaving aside their grotesque appearance, as an enemy, they weren't too big of a deal to Hayate and Sylvana.

「O Flame!」

「Magika Aqua Javelin」

Their attacks terminated the Chimera with certainty, leaving no space to regenerate from.

The bothering point would be the numbers of enemies. No matter how many they killed, new ones kept on appearing from inside the cave.

「Kuh! This place was their nest, eh!」

「To get the right place so fast, we're truly lucky and unlucky」

Sherry replied with light words to shouting Hayate.

They couldn't be said to have the superiority, but they sure weren't inferior. After all, Hayate held a 『Seele』, while Sylvana had the experience of appearing in the 『Brynhildr Cup』.

They couldn't see the end of this wave, but if they kept on defeating them all, they would surely stop coming at some point.....

Gagagahhh!

Gagagahhh!

Suddenly Hayate's ears heard a strange noise completely different than that of fighting.

「？」

Thinking what it was, Hayate tried to look out to find the identity of that strange sound.

At that time.

「Gahgahgahgahh!」

The monkey Chimeras were swinging their hands and smashing the ground of cave.

That was already digging rather than smashing, and the strange sound was of the stone being scraped off.

「!？」

At that point Hayate realized that they all had been facing their back towards the big hole located right in the middle of the open space.

If the ground they were standing on were to break—

「O.....」

「Magika.....」

—Hayate and Sylvana acted at once after realizing the aim of the Chimeras.

But, the enemies were a second faster. \*kaboom\*!! The foothold crumbled.

「Hayate-san!」

「Hayate-kun!」

Maybe as a blessing in disguise, Kiruru and Aria barely escaped the range of collapse.

The people dragged below were Hayate and Sherry, and Victoria and Sylvana.

*Need to save Sherry.....!*

Hayate forcibly grabbed Sherry's hand and threw her towards Kiruru and Aria.

Similarly, Sylvana thrust away Victoria to the ground that didn't crumble.

Two were saved, two lost their chances of escape.

「Hayate!」

「Onee-sama!」

Hayate kept on falling towards the bottom of the hole along with collapsing ground while hearing the voice of Sherry and Victoria that seemed to becoming more distant.

## Part 2

「.....Hm?」

「You awake, huh」

「Owaah!」

Being called out suddenly like that, Hayate's consciousness woke up suddenly. He rose his lying body up from the ground and saw Sylvana sitting right by his side.

「This place is?」

「The bottom of the hole」

In the surrounding of speaking Sylvana was the Undine along with a white torch like thing created by her Servant. It was probably the ability or magic of the Servant. Relying on this light he looked above but, everything was engulfed in darkness that the roof couldn't be seen.

「.....How did we survive from a fall that high?」

「I saved us by creating a water cushion」

Been told that he realized the fact his clothes were quite wet. As a just-in-case he checked his body's condition, but no disorder could be found. The 『Laevateinn』 was also in his hand, he was quite thankful about that.

「I will ask just to be sure but do you have any skill for ascending all the way up?」

「No.....what about you, can't you be just using any magic, for example 《Fliegen Voge》?」

「Unfortunately I have a bad luck with magic」

Apparently she truly tended to ignore basic magic used by Hexenritter.

「.....So no other way than to search a way up, eh」

Hayate stood up as he sighed.

「Yeah. I'm also worried about Victoria. Let's hurry」

「.....」

He didn't quite like being together with her, but with the situation being as it was, he had no other choice but to walk as per order.

The bottom of hole had no illuminating plants so it was pretty dark, the path also was divided in couple of branches to boot. They checked the wind and other things flowing from other sides and moved on while carefully choosing their paths.

After walking quite the time in silence.....unexpectedly Sylvana tried to talk to Hayate first.

「Even so, after being this much away from Hexenritter, your 『Wand』 doesn't seem to disappear」

「.....?Disappear?」

「The Hexenritter and Servant are connected by a line and doing exchange of magical energy. Being far apart the supply of magical energy starts lagging, and eventually 『Wand』 is gone」

「Hmm, that's news to me」

Hayate and Sherry were not connected by a line in the first place. The 『Seele』 could be taken out by overlapping the two Contract Marks and establishing a special line, so maybe the normal limitations of distance placed on Hexenritter and Servant wouldn't work on

this special thing? He didn't know the reason, but for now he was quite thankful to the fact he could use 『Laevateinn』 even while being away from Sherry.

*The 『Seele』 is in good health means Sherry is also fine.*

The hilt of sword he gripped seemed to give him a sense of relief.

Though, it was a matter of fact that he wanted to meet up with them as fast as possible.

「Forget about this sword and make haste」

「Yeah. I'm worried about Victoria also」

「.....」

Soon enough Hayate found a path moving upwards and the two started walking on it.

「Victoria.....」

「.....」

Probably subconsciously Sylvana had been muttering her little sister's name while ascending the slope.

*So even she worries about her little sister although giving her that sort of order.....*

She always had a sour look which made him feel that she had low emotions in that field too.....

He already had an personal image about Sylvana created in his mind, but would some contradictions appear after this long?

「Ugh.....」

That time, Sylvana walking in front raised a groan while curling up her back. While holding her left shoulder her face distorted in pain.

「Hey, you fine?」

「.....Don't worry. It was injured just a little bit before」

Before meant.....the time of fall in hole?

「..... ! 」

That time Hayate was without injuries thanks to Sylvana. Hence he was clearly thinking that she would've also protected herself fine.....

「Anyhow, let's make haste. If something happens to Victoria while we are stopping here.....」

Sylvana tried to hurry up without paying heed to the pain. That line perfectly and clearly transmitted her serious feeling of worrying about Victoria's safety.

「Wait a bit」

「Mh?」

Hayate walked to her front and offered his back.

「I will carry you from now, hop on it」

「.....Okay」

Sylvana gave her body weight to Hayate quite easily.

「!?」

In doing so, he felt the feeling of her breasts being crushed on his back, but he endured raising a voice with all of his self-control.

Holding 『Laevateinn』 in backhand and carrying Sylvana on his back he started his ascent. Thanks to the supply of power via 『Seele』 he was easily able to take care the weight of one person on his back.

However because they were too close and his impressions had changed, the silence started to feel gloomy. No, this could also mean he wanted to ask her something.

「Hey.....Why did you order something like that to Victoria?」

「?What do you mean something like that?」

「I mean about that cruel order of making child with me」

「That is the decision of family」

Though he couldn't see the expressions of Sylvana on his back, only a flat voice replied back.

He started to feel differently about her, but hearing that ever same tone he was again enraged.

「And I mean, why the fuck you can give out an order like that? You're Victoria's elder sister? As an elder sister, you can surely speak calmly for ordering your little sister to make a child with a man she doesn't even love」

「What are saying. Of course I'm not calm」

「Oh I see.....wait, wut?」

Right.....what'd she say? She's 「not」 calm?

「Hey, what'd you mean not calm?」

「? It means as it is meant to. I obviously don't think of wanting to give my cute little sister to a suspicious and mysterious man like you」

「 ? ? ? 」

Her voice was same as before, but thanks to it Hayate was confused in a different sense from before.

「T-Then why did you order her like that?」

「Don't make me say the same thing again and again. That was the decision of family」

「.....」

Hayate carefully investigated Sylvana's words for a while.

「.....By the way, that decision of family, 『whose』 decision is it specifically?」

「The final say is obviously mine as a family head. But originally it is made by a voting by the blood relatives in a parliament system」

In short in Verde Family there was a blood relatives meeting, there Sylvana was in the seat of speaker while still holding the right to say, but that didn't mean she could decided things by ignoring the opinions of other relatives, supposedly.

「The discussion in that conference was something like this, anticipating other families taking move Verde Family wanted to take your blood. There Victoria was allocated first, if there were no problem then I will make child with you, or so it should go」

Hearing those ridiculous contents Hayate nearly lost his will to even speak, but because he was now able to understand more of this family head on his back that he opened his mouth.

「But, isn't the final right to say with Sylvana? Then wouldn't it be fine to just reject something like that. After all, not only Victoria, but probably you also don't want to, with me.....」

「My personal feelings are trifle. I'm the family head of Verde Family. I have the responsibility to protect the fate of all the people connected with Verde Family, the subordinates from Chivalric Order, people from family and even mother and father」

Sylvana declared clearly.



Hayate recalled Victoria telling him that Sylvana was not a person who ran away from her responsibilities.

When she was in the Chivalric Order she didn't run away from the responsibility of protecting the masses, and currently as the family head she didn't run away from the responsibility of protecting Verde Family. That was probably what Sylvana was.

But.....in the she said as mutter.

「.....But if Victoria said she hated the decision of family, I would've persuaded the people from family and would've never forced my little sister to something like that. However, my little sister also being a person from Verde Family declared to be used for the best wishes of family. In that case, there was nothing I could do」

Those were the small true feeling peeking out from her obstinate expression.

Hearing her talk, Hayate felt the entire block that was misaligned to get in right places.

*Thinking back she even Victoria when she was about to fall, even now she is worrying about her.....does she like her little sister?*

But as the responsibility as the family head, she had no choice by to prioritize family's profits before her personal feelings.

「I will ask just to be sure, but why were you 『assisting』 Victoria in my room yesterday?」

「I did that because she said she didn't had confidence to seduce you」

*Victoria probably tried to say it was impossible in a roundabout way, but looks like Sylvana is dense enough to not understand that.....*

But putting the talk together, apparently Sylvana truly had no intentions of forcing Victoria to make a child. It was all the way just Victoria 『accepting』 the decision of family while she assisted as the family head.

Then why did Victoria accept an ridiculous order like that? As it seemed her elder sister, the family head herself would've stopped her if Victoria hated it, then why.....

There Hayate raised up an 「？」 above his head.

「Hey.....before you said that you would've stopped her if she hated it then.....did you actually told her about that when you were telling her about the decision of family or whatever?」

「? I did ask what she would do after telling her about the decision given out in the conference」

「AAAAAAAAAAAAARRRGGGGGHHHHH!」

Hayate screamed and finally understood everything.

She hadn't told her the important part, so it was only obvious for Victoria to be depressed!

Before she said the decision of family was concluded in the conference, but she had also said that she had the final right to say. As the family head she didn't raise an objection due to honouring the profits of family, but she didn't tell this thing to Victoria. Judging from how she looked depressed, that was the only answer.

Most probably Victoria might be having a misunderstanding of 「decision of family equals to decision given approval by Sylvana」 .

That was why she took on that unreasonable order under the pretext of “not betraying her elder sister's anticipations”

*From that strange obstinacy to being inflexible to things she hates, that does seem similar to Sherry, but.....Sylvana is just too bad a talker! She didn't even damn speak any important parts she should've!*

Moreover in Sherry's case she would concluding herself as ugly, but at least she never kills her personal feelings. If not she would've never stepped foot inside Diaspell Royal Academy while pursuing her dream. On the other hand, Sylvana honours her responsibilities, and had been killing too much of her personal feelings. The roots of the two were same, but they were still bipolar.

There couldn't be an competition between them for finding who was better, this time it just happened to Sylvana's personality going in the bad way.

Victoria accepted the order for not disappointing her elder sister while not knowing Sylvana's true feelings, while the elders sister being an elder sister had been under the impression that her little sister accepted the order as an person from Verde Family trying to give her all to complete the responsibilities, thanks to that and the result of ignoring the sings of refusal from Victoria, the situation came to this—although the feelings of these two sisters had been overlapping by all rights.

「Sylvana. Talk it out with Victoria after we meet up」

「What to talk about?」

「Many things, obviously! Like you didn't want to order that or how much do you like Victoria, and everything else!」

「However, as the family head I.....」

「Like I give a damn shit about that!」

Hayate shouted out as much as he could and rushed up his ascent.

「Didn't you say before that you had no choice but to act accordingly for the favour of family because you're the family head, right!? Then go dish out your true feelings on your little sister, but as an elder sister yourself! You're sisters, that much will be forgiven!」

「.....」

There was no reply, but he didn't care about it at all. For the time being he truly wanted to let Sylvana and Victoria meet up.

Hayate dashed within the cave at full speed in spite of carrying her.

And.

「——! That light!」

Discovering a light obviously different from that of those plants—probably a light from magic—, Hayate hastened towards it.

Escaping the narrow path, there Hayate— —

「.....What is this?」

— —Discovered a mysterious structure.

That thing erected between the ditch created by drilling the wall of cave, seemed to have unified with the bare rock and was bringing about a queer eeriness.

「Ugh.....」

Moreover some sort of bad smell came from the entrance of that building.

*What the heck is that? Why is a building here.....?*

The whole body was inside the wall so he couldn't see clearly, but from what he could see, it seemed to be big as a three-storey building. It also depended on the depth, so just how much big of a building was that?

And.....who constructed such a building in this place? When? For what purpose?

Regarding this building that could be called lump of mysteriousness, Hayate's wariness swelled up.

「Put me down」

Sylvana probably also felt the same as him that she descended from his back and stood on her legs.

The two kept on increasing their wariness towards the mysterious building while holding onto their weapons, but— —the next moment, something like that was blown away from their minds. After all, from behind their backs they heard the voices they super wanted to hear.

「Hayate!」

「Onee-sama!」

Sherry and Victoria.

The two Hayate and Sylvana had been searching desperately ran towards them with a speed never seen before and they leapt into the chest of their particular partners.

「Hayate.....isn't it bad, for a manservant to make his master worry」

「Sorry」

Hayate apologized while holding her with his two hands.

「Onee-sama, Onee-sama」

「.....Victoria」

Victoria embracing Sylvana was continuously repeating her name. Sylvana gently patted the head of her little sister.

*Hm.....?*

There Hayate realized something clinging at his waist from the back, and he turned around.

「Isn't it Kiruru」

「Hayate-san. Hayate-san」

Kiruru tightly clung on his waist, as if saying to never let him go. He had apparently made her worry too. The other friend, Aria, also came by his side.

「Hayate-kun, it's good you're fine」

「It is good you're all fine. ....but how did you escape the crowd of Chimeras?」

「Kiruru and Kuro burned them to cinders with lightning attack, while Sherry-kun made them into ice sculptures, well we made it somehow. Oh well as usual I wasn't of much help, hahaha」

「Don't put on airs」

After softening down the atmosphere, she looked towards the building buried inside the wall.

「Even what is that building?」

「Who knows? We also came here just now, so haven't investigated it」

「I see. Sylvana-san」

Aria left Hayate temporarily and looked towards Sylvana.

「What should we do now? Miria remembers the route all the way here, so if you want to return to surface we can reach there even now」

Would the investigation continue or not, Aria asked that to Sylvana.

Sylvana thought for a bit.....

「You're right. That building does worry me a bit, but as you can see I'm injured. We back up today with just this」

And gave out her decision.

The investigation was going to be carried over from tomorrow.

For today they were already calling it a day, and the surroundings seem to have a relaxed atmosphere flowing.

Not only the encounter with Demonic Beasts, but they also got separated during it, so they were all thinking of returning back before something unusual things happens again.

He didn't know if this building had any relation with Demonic Beasts, but if this was nest of Demonic Beasts then the quest was completed. The next time they would just need to examine this building.

Hayate turned around nonchalantly and looked up at the building,

「.....Hm?」

And a person's figure seemed to passed by the window.....?

The nervousness that had relaxed with the reunion again swelled up within Hayate and,

——The building burst open.

「!?」

It didn't explode to be precise, rather it was severely destroyed from the inside.

「Victoria!!」

While the crushing sounds of building reverberated, for a second Sylvana's desperate voice could be heard.

And from inside the building came out a giant three-headed beast.

「Kigyurirara!」

「GyogyoRorororo!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

A lion, an eagle and a red-eyed monkey. They all raised up voices that were ear-splitting and noisy while looking down on Hayate and others with killing intent in their eyes. As an extra bonus, the small-sized Chimeras that Hayate and others had been fighting with since yesterday also came out due to the collapse.

*Are these the bosses of those mixed beasts!?*

Reaching here they encountered something truly ridiculous. In addition to this.....

「Onee-sama!? Onee-sama, please wake up!!」

Protecting Victoria from the debris flying down, Sylvana hit her head and fainted with blood flowing from her forehead.

「Hayate-kun! If that boss rampaged and the cave sunk in, we will all be buried alive! Hurry up and escape! Miara, the route!」

「Kyururu!」

「Go it! I will be the rear guard! Sherry you with Victoria!」

「Yea. Victoria-san, let's go. Come on stand up」

「I know.....about that! Lindis!」

「Shaa—!」

「Kuro will carry Sylvana-san!」

「Bark!」

Hayate and others dashed away to escape from the cave that had already started to crumble down.

### Part 3

As expected the navigation of Miria was perfect and the group having Aria run at front with her Servant were all able to safely get out from the cave.

But however, the next moment.

\*Dooooooooooooom\*!!

With a roaring sound the surrounding area around the cave burst open and the three-headed Demonic Beast from the underground appeared along with the crowd of small-sized Chimeras.

「Kigyurirara!」

「GyogyoRororo!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

「.....!」

They surely escaped before being buried alive, but what to do from now on!?

Sylvana was still not awake. If she hadn't fainted.....no even before taking on that debris she was already injured due to protecting Hayate.

*This situation is my responsibility.....so I will do something about it!*

If they asked help from Verde Family, the Chivalric Order subordinates of Sylvana would surely lend their help, but if they ran away to ask for help right now the Chimeras would surely attack the city. It would be great disaster if that happened.

The image of the hustle and bustle of port city Puerto and the face of apple-selling Saya passed by in his mind.....

*I won't let them become prey to these Demonic Beasts!*

「Victoria and Kiruru take care of the small sized Chimeras! Aria will cover you two! Just aggro them even if you can't defeat them all! I will take care of that big head!」

「Hayate-san! It's reckless!」

「Although reckless I can't possibly let this shithheads get out of this valley! Sherry, were going!」

Shaking off Kiruru restraints, Hayate brandished the 『Laevateinn』 while protecting Sherry behind his back. It was hard to understand within the cave, but seeing clearly like

this, he was able to understand the greatness of the opponent. The three heads were lined up at a place high above the trees in the surroundings.

*But it doesn't match with Cyclops at all!*

He had defeated that giant—that incident supported Hayate's heart and the existence of everyone behind him sent power within the hand grabbing the hilt of sword.

「O Flames!」

Hayate aimed at the right forelimb of the big-sized Chimera with his long range fire attack. Answering to his strong will the 『Laevateinn』 burned red hot and turned the right forelimb of the enemy into cinders.

「GyogyoRororo!」

The eagle head of the Chimera spat out something. Frankly speaking it was a 「thorns」 . However it was big enough that it won't end up with just prickling if that thing hit.

「You!」

Hayate spread out the flames above his head in a spiral, so as to form a shield. A majority of the thorns were burned to nothing, but there were some which reached till Hayate and Sherry while passing through the flames. One of those grazed his cheek, but he intercepted all others with his flame sword and the superior kinetic vision.

「Sherry! Make me fly!」

「Got it!」

Responding to Hayate's voice, Sherry immediately started chanting the spell of 《Fliegen Voge》 .

「 《Fliegen Voge》 !」

「Woooooaaaaahhh!」

Thanks to the magic of Sherry, Hayate was fired from the ground at the speed of a bullet. Piercing through the layer of flame that had completed its work as a shield and distraction, Hayate neared the nose tip of the eagle-head that had just now closed its mouth.

「Ooraahhh!」

Cut!!



『Laevateinn』 lopped off the eagle-head of the Chimera! However, the enemy had more than one head.

「Kigyurirara!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

The lion-head and monkey-head bared their fangs from both sides.

「Sherry!」

Responding to Hayate's voice Sherry cancelled the 《Fliegen Voge》. 《Fliegen Voge》 could only be controlled by the user itself, so if it remained like that it would've obstructed the freedom of Hayate.

「——」

Hayate gained the freedom in mid-air and made fire gush out from the tip of 『Laevateinn』.

Hayate gained the propulsive force from the momentum of fire and rotated vertically, resulting in the bisection of upper jaw of nearing lion-head. Landing in between the fangs of lower jaw that had now lost its biting power, he jumped above to evade the bite from monkey-head.

「Gyabauba!!」

The monkey-head having lost its target ended up biting and destroying the remains of lion-head.

*What!? The eagle-head is already regenerating from the cut-section!?*

The regeneration of small-sized Chimera was already abnormal, but this big-sized Chimera was already regenerating the bones and flesh from the cut-section.

If this became a drawn-out battle, everyone would be in danger.....!

「I will end it with this!」

Hayate held the hilt of 『Laevateinn』 with both hands and pointed the blade downwards.

Slash!!

The sensation of cutting through flesh was transmitted to his hands and the very long blade of 『Laevateinn』 was embedded into the parietal of monkey-head.

「『Laevateinn』!」

The red hot blade sent the flames into the interior of big-sized Chimera.

To each and every corner.

To each and every corner's corner.

Abiding to Hayate's strong will, the red hot flames grilled, filled, and made the enemy's body burst into flames.

.....*It's over!*

「—Burn down!!」

Due to the scream-like shout of Hayate, the flames filling the body of Demonic Beast swelled up at once and exploded that big frame. The meat lumps left also got burnt from the remaining live coals left and everything vanished before falling onto the ground.

「Haaaaaah!」

Killing the big-sized Chimera, Hayate landed on the ground and with the same force slew down remaining small-sized Chimeras.

「Fuh.....Fuh.....」

After reducing the last one into ashes, Hayate tried to control his disordered breathing. Kiruru looked at him wiping off his sweat with a worried gaze.

「You're too reckless, Hayate-san. Defeating that many alone.....」

「No, Kiruru and Victoria had reduced a lot of them, so I'm still fine」

「.....Is that true?」

Not only Kiruru, but also Victoria asked him worriedly.

I'm fine—Hayate tried to reply that.

But.

「Kigyurirara!」

「GyogyoRorororo!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

A sound so familiar—that no one wanted to hear was once again heard. The sound of the three heads.

「Kigyurirara!」

「GyogyoRorororo!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

「Kigyurirara!」

「GyogyoRorororo!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

「Jaaaaaaa!」

「Gyaasu! Gyaasu!」

「Goooooh.....kohoooooh.....!」

「Gerururururu!」

「Goaaaaaaahhhhh!」

「Ugoh! Uguuugyaaa!!」

「Bufofofo! Bufofofo!」

「Gurururu.....Gugyaaaaaa!」

「Gaooooooooooooooooo!」

And not just one but several of different sorts.....

「.....」

Hayate raised his head while feeling an bad feeling that was more than half near certainty.

The big-sized Chimera that he had just defeated—of lion, eagle and monkey—along with some others Demonic Beasts he had never seen were currently spread out in the surrounding.

Other than the big-sized Chimeras, several cries of small-sized Chimeras could also be heard from here and there.

*.....Now that I think about it, this area had numerous caves around.*

In other words.....it was like this.

It wasn't that Hayate and others luckily happened to find the nest in the first cave they entered among the several caves, but.....every cave was the nest of Chimeras.

The boss-figure Chimera of every cave—at least one of those mixed large animals existed in each cave and currently they all had appeared outside while leading their own communities made up of small-sized Chimeras.

「These are too many.....」

The sound of Aria gulping could be heard.

He had exhausted quite the amount of stamina to just eradicate a single Chimaera. Hayate wasn't all that injured thanks to 『Seele』, but the same wasn't for others. (TN: Yeah, Chimaera is another way to speak Chimera, but the author suddenly changed it for differentiating between small-sized shits and big-sized big shits, oops, shots)

He had to give out the decision right now.

「Sherry, Victoria, Kiruru, Aria.....take Sylvana and run back to city at once. There get her treated and come back along with the Chivalric Order. Also convey the citizens of Puerto to evacuate」

「.....What about Hayate-san?」

Kiruru was pleading with her gaze while asking.

For an answer to not come back—that was what she wanted.

However.

「I will stall them by remaining here」

This time everyone gulped and their breathing stopped for a second.

「I have stall them enough to gain enough time for evacuation and the preparations for Chivalric Order to sortie to complete. Only I can do this currently」

Chimera was still fine, but only Hayate could head-front clash against Chimaeras. If he didn't do it then let alone Hayate and others, but even neighbouring cities would perish. There was no doubt that they had no other choices than this.

「No way.....! Then I will also fight!」

「I will also remain here!」

The two still objected, not agreeing to his words.

Hayate though in a hurry for a way to persuade them, but.....

「We would hindrances, right?」

Before that, Sherry spoke the truth to everyone as if throwing the reality at them. Including herself.

「Scharlachrot-san. What did you say just now?」

「Just as I said. If we remain here, Hayate wouldn't be able to concentrate in fight. Not only that, he will have to protect us and wouldn't be able to fight properly」

「That is just you! I am.....!」

「Hayate might die due to that obstinacy」

「.....!」

Victoria held her tongue to the merciless words from Sherry.

On the other hand, Kiruru was also protesting.

「.....Is Sherry-san fine with this? If we break apart from Hayate-san right now, then.....」

Hayate wouldn't be able to survive, she probably wanted to say that.

However Sherry, firmly, puffed up her chest.

「It's fine. My manservant is strong, he wouldn't die on us without any notice to his master.....am I right?」

「Yeah.....of course」

「That alone is enough」

Sherry crossed her arms below her chest and nodded slightly.

—Everyone noticed the crossed arms were very slightly shivering, but no one pointed it out.

She had good mind, and for the part she couldn't fight, she could at least calmly and clearly analyse the situation. That's why she must've understood that Hayate remaining here to stall them would be the best choice.

Henceforth, for unifying the opinions of people here, she might've taken initiative as the contractor and informed the truth to everyone—while killing her own feelings.

「Hayate.....」

At the time of parting Sherry neared her lips to Hayate's ear.

「If.....you come back alive, I will give my most important thing」

「.....I will definitely come back alive」

The two exchanged promises—and turned on their backs at the same time.

Sherry towards the outside of valley for escaping.

Hayate towards the inside of valley for fighting.

—And for surviving together.

## Part 4

Victoria was working as the rear guard of the group planning to escape from the valley. With her 『Tailworm』 it was possible to cover everyone from behind.

The front guard was the navigator Aria. Kiruru was running parallel to her.

Following after were Black Dog and upon its back was her sister Sylvana.....in still unconscious state. Thinking the reason for that was Sylvana protecting Victoria, she couldn't help but feel pain in heart.

And right behind them—in short just in front of Victoria was Sherry, who parted from Hayate right now and was currently dashing forward with the 《Fliegen Voge》 magic.

「.....」

Sherry almost looked back many times, but somehow restraining from doing that action, she was earnestly looking forward continuously.

「.....」

Just how much of willpower would be needed to bear that much?

Even Victoria, a person estranged from male and having misunderstandings about them, was able to guess that Sherry and Hayate were quite intimate. She had felt that to the extent of hating it during the time she teamed up with them for tag-team examinations.

「.....」

At first, Victoria hated the person called Sherry Scharlachrot.

The daughter of the treacherous Scharlachrot Family, a girl not familiar within the class.....and also had made Victoria embarrassed. Rather, there were no existing reasons to not hate her.

Just.....it did bother her.

Victoria had many friends, but as expected in the eye of those friends was the attitude of 「looking at the second daughter of Verde Family」, that was an undeniable fact. Even so they were her friends, they were important.....however Sherry was different.

She didn't even mind the name of Verde for even a second.

She thought that it was because her family name had already fallen down, henceforth she could act brazenly.....however it was different.

The time everyone lay down after getting hit by the great magic of Cyclops, though Victoria wasn't able to move her body she had her consciousness retained. That time she had heard the talk between Sherry and Hayate. Had seen her actions. She had seen her try to let Hayate escape and face against that one-eyed demon solely.

At that time she was brazen as ever—she was really imposing.

Although injured she stood up for others.....that back of hers, for just a second, overlapped with that of her ideal sister, Sylvana.

「.....」

And that man—Hayate Mitsurugi.

The man who had embarrassed her, similarly like Sherry. The man who let her taste the defeat for the first time. The hateful and conceited man. The strong man. ....The man who saved her from the attack from Cyclops.

The feelings she had towards Hayate were complicated. Every time she thought about his face her heart would be disturbed, and she even felt like her chest throbbed stupidly fast.

Not knowing what sort of attitude to take, she had clashed with those feelings a number of times.

But sooner or later, as time passed by, the complicatedly entangled feelings would untangle, and Victoria would know the true identity of the feelings towards Hayate—  
—But before that, that sort of order was handed down by the family.

Among the things there are some that take time to be ordered and disentangled. However, even before Victoria was able to acquire the time required for that her path had already been decided.

If she wasn't thinking anything about Hayate, that would've been just an order at most.

Conversely if regarding Hayate.....for example, truly for example.....she had some sort of affection sprouting, that order would've been like godsend.

*Well, concerning my personality, I would've immediately refused it with obstinacy.*

But that was a talk of assumptions. In truth, Victoria had no idea at all regarding that things residing in her chest.....she had seduce Hayate while her position was ambiguous as ever.

Or she thought that if she was able to demonstrate her ability in the examination, Sylvana would reconsider 「to not use and throw Victoria by using this plan which could end up

as anything」 and might turn the plan into scrap.....however even after the examinations were over the order wasn't taken back.

*Onee-sama.....*

For Victoria, Sylvana was an existence always too far.

The talent as a Hexenritter and even the disposition as a family head were all remarkably different between the two, and before she knew it, every time she stood in front she would unintentionally wither back.

She liked her, she was her ideal, but that was why she couldn't bring herself too close to her.

Even more, the elder sister was always silent and imperturbable, so it wasn't easy task to read her from the outside.

Even the attitude of that elder sister was strikingly different from her whose emotions burst out almost every time in large drops, hence she had been living till this day without trying to peek into her true intentions and she never had the thought of exposing those true intentions.

That.....was how it was.

At the time of parting with Hayate before, she recalled the conversation with him.

『When your elder sister wakes up, then earnestly talk with her even if just a little』

『Earnestly.....you say?』

『Yeah. Hear about what Sylvana thinks about you, Victoria. Then.....as a little sister get pampered from your elder sister. You're sister so don't hold back, tell that to your elder sister too』

She had no idea as to why Hayate had told her such a thing.

But, he was alone with Sylvana before meeting up with others. They might've talked out something during that time. About the true intentions that even Victoria had never heard about.

「 「Gjrrrrrrr!」 」

「!？」

At that moment, from the left side of the group appeared a giant Chimera with two dog heads.



It was not as big as those three-headed ones, but was not small like small-sized Chimeras. They lay somewhere in the between. Its heads were not big enough to stand out even in forest like that of Chimaeras so Hayate didn't notice its existence.

However, it was probably more powerful than small-sized ones.....!

「Kgh!」

Kiruru, acting as the vanguard, was the first to react.

She changed into lightning with the help of 『Volcanic Gauntlet』 and hit her fist on the snout of one head of medium-sized Chimera. Using the speed from that punch she tossed about the opponent and succeeded in stalling the enemy.

「Lindis! I leave Aria-san and Onee-sama to you!」

「Shaaa!」

Victoria's Servant, Lindworm, raised its sickle-shaped neck and along with the Black Dog of Kiruru it got to guarding Aria and Sylvana.

「Kgh!」

It was needed to completely destroy the body for defeating the Chimera, so a blow attack weapon like whip was the worst choice in this case, so it was only Kiruru guarding the two.

「Victoria-san!」

At that moment Sherry dashed over to her.

「Scharlachrot-san! You're not going to fight so step back!」

「Victoria-san, can you handle it even if it hurts a little?」

Ignoring her voice, Sherry asked in a serious tone.

「.....Do you have any idea?」

「Yea」

「Then do it quickly! I won't falter with just a little amount of pain!」

「As expected, a great reply」

Without saying anything Sherry grabbed the handle of 『Tailworm』 of Victoria and started chanting.

「O that who protects the cold mausoleum, by thy freezing arms, grant thy restraints of avidya to the captured ones—— 《Náströnd》 」

That magic was the same one which had stopped the feet of Led and Fortena during the tag-team examination.

The ground-installation magic, used as a trap——was currently bestowed to Victoria's whip.

What would happen with this?

「Use that whip to tie up that double-headed Chimera!」

「! Haaaah!」

Victoria grimaced from the feeling of her palms freezing, whilst bearing that she swung the 『Tailworm』 towards the Chimera. But just as Sherry commanded, the whip was swung for 『beating』 but 『tying』 up the opponent using the length of the whip.

The 『Tailworm』 could extend without limits, so no matter how big the body of opponent would be, the whip could always bind it up.

In the blink of an eye Victoria's 『Wand』 bound the body of medium-sized Chimera——and from every point of contact, the 《Náströnd》 started freezing the body.

「 「Gr.....rr.....rrr.....」 」

Soon enough the heads of the double-headed Chimera also froze and its movements stopped.

「Hah, hah.....Fuh」

Victoria heaved a sigh of relief and temporarily revert back the 『Wand』 to magic particles. The frozen hands were released by Sherry in the same as during the tag-team examination.

This was a point where they could take a breather, but as they had no time they couldn't stopping here. They had reach the Verde Family as soon as possible and bring Chivalric Order back to save Hayate.

「Then, everyone let's hurry.....」

They again tried to move forward——at that time a \*crack\* a sound of something breaking resounded.

They turned towards the Demonic Beast they all had frozen just now.

\*Break\*!!

「「Gjrrrrrrroooooooooorrrrrrrhhhhh!」」

The double-headed Chimera broke through the ice covering its body and raised an war cry.

*No way.....it actually broke apart that thick ice from the interior.*

Victoria winced.

The enemy attacked at this time.

「「Gjrrrr!」」

「!」

Evading the bite attack of enemy at a hair's breadth, Victoria tumbled on the ground.

*If it was Onee-sama, a enemy like this will be.....!*

That though passed through in Victoria's mind.

That doubt made her concentration to her feet loose—and her legs were caught up in depressed ground area.

「Agh!」

「「Gjrrrrr!」」

Double-headed Chimera didn't let go of the chance.

The Demonic Beast brandished the forelimb with sharp claws growing out, and tried to cut open the fallen Victoria.

And.....At that time—

—\*Kiing\*!!

「.....Are you alright, Victoria?」

「Onee-sama!?!」

Forcing between Victoria and Demonic Beast while stopping the claws with the spear was Sylvana.

「「Gjrrrrrrroooooooooohhhh!」」

「.....Guh!」

「Onee-sama! Don't force yourself! Even before the debris hit your head」

「Don't worry. The place it hit was a little bad nothing else」

「No, if it hit some bad place then even more you don't have to force.....」

「It's for protecting my precious little sister. Something like this, isn't a problem at all」

Sylvana declared at once while interrupting the voice of Victoria worrying about her.

「——！」

Victoria showed an expression of taken aback to the words of her elder sister that had no back and front.

It was the first time that her elder sister had spoken so straightforwardly.

「.....Hmph!」

Sylvana flicked off the claws of Demonic Beast.

「Victoria. Stop its movements once more, I will deliver the last blow」

「Eh.....Yea! Understood! Scharlachrot-san, come here!」

「I know」

Sherry reacted immediately to Victoria's voice.

She again started chanting the 《Náströnd》.

Till the time magic was completed, Sylvana and others were stalling back the double-headed Chimera.

「《Náströnd》」

「Let me freeze you again!」

Due to Victoria and Sherry's combination, the medium-sized Chimera was again arrested by the whip and its body transformed into an ice sculpture.

However, that ice prison was being broken from the interior because of the physical strength of Demonic Beast.

But, even if for a little amount of time, the Demonic Beast surely had its movements stopped.

In that chance Sylvana held the 『Diomare Trident』 horizontally and started chanting.

「Offering thee Heavenly God, O the one laying in seas, running in skies, reside in my sharp tip, to transform in a rising dragon—Magika」

The Magika that require aria to be chanted took more time to be deployed than normal Magika, in turn it also held enormous power.

The water from the atmosphere started collecting at the spearhead. It grew at tremendous momentum and soon enough represented two water dragons.

「Tidal Tempest」

「「Giryaaaaaaaaa!!」」

While raising a roar the two dragons rotated as if entangling with each other and bared their fangs at the double-headed Chimera.

「「Ggh.....!？」」

The opponent opened its mouth for resisting, but before that it was engulfed in the raging stream of Tidal Tempest and it vanished without even being able to howl last time.

And, after the water dragon passed away, there was nothing left there.

「Fuh.....Mh!」

「Onee-sama!」

Victoria ran towards Sylvana who was forcing her wobbly legs to stand and lend her shoulder.

「Are you fine.....?」

「Mm. No problem. It's good if Victoria is fine」

「No, worry about yourself first, I come later!」

While worrying about her elder sister seriously, Victorira wasn't able to bear in the happiness overflowing in her chest.

*Onee-sama thinks this much about me.....!*

Maybe it was just as Hayate had said.

While idealizing her elder sister, she felt inferior and small to her, and praised her too much out of her own accord and had never tried to learn what she thought within her heart.

Not being able to read her expression because she was silent was, after all, a talk about exterior appearance. Wanting to know the thing other was thinking by just seeing the face colour of other person was.....just because the person was afraid getting hurt by knowing inside of the other person.

If she really wanted to know what her elder sister thought about her, then she should've gone down the expressions, more inside.....she should've heard about it directly from Sylvana's mouth.

Let's talk with elder sister after returning back. What she thought about me. And what I thought about elder sister. Just as he said, earnestly.....

For that they needed to finish this situation first.

「Then everyone, we will return quickly this time! Scharlachrot-san, too.....?」

Victoria's movements all stopped when she tried to speak out to Sherry who was standing stock still at a little farther place.

That was because the person she was trying to speak out had her eyes opened wide and was staring something far away.

She was staring in the direction they had come here running from—in other words, the place they left Hayate at. Till now Sherry had tried to not look towards that side. No one knew if after defeating the Demonic Beast her will wavered, or she coincidentally saw there while fighting the Demonic Beast.

But no matter what she had now turned towards the direction of Hayate.

Following after her Victoria also looked there.

And—

「What.....is that, thing.....」

—She saw the despair.

「.....!」

「Scharlachrot-san!？」

Leaving the petrified Victoria and others, Sherry ran back the road they had come from.

## Part 5

The time rewinds back a little.

After letting Sherry and others escape, Hayate was fighting continuously for not letting the several tens of large animals and several hundreds of animals get out of the valley.

「Heave.....Ho! .....ugh.....! O Flame!」

Swinging the flame sword he mowed down the Chimeras trying to gather together.

He already didn't remember how many Chimeras he had kill till now. They have an astounding regenerative power in the first place. Whenever he mowed numerous of them in one strike, one or two were always left out. That was why he didn't knew if the Chimera he defeated was a new one or one he failed to kill before.

But even if he had that worry, the Chimeras were in the end just small fries.

The problematic ones were the boss-figure of theses Chimeras, those Chimaeras.

「Kigyurirara!」

「GyogyoRorororo!」

「Gahgahgahgah!」

He couldn't destroy the Chimaera easily as they had regenerative abilities and body far surpassing Chimeras.

But they weren't enemies that he wouldn't be able to defeat with 『Laevateinn』. For some reason the Chimera and Chimaera weren't using magic while being Demonic Beasts. Maybe they were that sort of species or they didn't use—otherwise weren't able to use—the magic for some reason unknown to him.....that was the only good news in this worst situation.

*Well, it still remains the worst, though.*

He could defeat things he could.....even easily in a one-to-one battle.

Of course the Chimaeras with higher threat were at the top priority to be defeated. However whenever he tried to deal the final blow, always the Chimeras interrupted to save their boss.

He then deals with the crowding Chimeras in some seconds, but the Chimaera already recovered within that less time.

「Fuh.....Fuh.....」

Protecting Sherry and others along with citizens of city—that goal had increased his concentration power to the utmost ability, but,

However,

Even so,

With number of enemies and their regenerative powers as his opponent, his limits were nearing.

「Nuuuuuooohhhh!」

Using 『Laevateinn』 he lopped off three heads of Chimaeras.

Losing their heads, although slightly, the movements dulled. Aiming for that chance, he stabbed the blade that red hot to the extent that it seemed like it would melt, and using that heat, he turned the Chimaeras to ash.

The problem with this method was that the lopped off head, if left as it was, would start regenerating from there, but.....if that point was paid attention then this was quite a valid method.

Hayate didn't remember the number of Chimeras he had defeated, but he sure did remember the number of Chimaeras he had defeated.

*This makes.....15 in total.*

Hayate counted the war results quickly in his heart and plunged into the crowd of Chimeras and charged towards the Chimaera on the other side of the wall.

—At that time Hayate had not recognized at all that the war results of defeating innumerable Chimeras and 15 Chimaeras in this short amount of time was anything but normal. It was to the point that it even left behind the war results brought out by the whole Chivalric Order that investigated about the Regenerative Demonic Beasts, the Chivalric Order under direct control of strongest war potential of Kingdom, The Queen.

Without knowing that at all, Hayate fought against the enemies.

「AAAhhhh!」

And the time when the defeated number of Chimaeras surpassed 20<sup>th</sup>—a change occurred.

「Gukikikiki.....」

The next Chimaera which Hayate took as his target suddenly started retreating.

「.....?」

Naturally, he pursued after it, but the Chimeras hindered him even more desperately than before.

「Gyaasu! Gyaasu!」

Soon after another cry rang out.

「Gyaasu! Gyaasu!」

The remaining Chimaeras.

「Gerururururu!」



Gathered.

「Goaaaaaaahhhh!」

Gathered.

「Ugoh! Uguuugyaaa!!」

Wriggled.

「Bufofofo! Bufofofo!」

Laughed.

「Gurururu.....Gugyaaaaaa!」

Moaned.

「Gaooooooooooooooooooooo!」

Raised war cry.

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Suddenly the grand chorus of nightmare suddenly stopped.

「.....?」

Finished dealing with the crowded Chimeras, Hayate raised his vision thinking what happened, at that time—

Thick, muddy, gooey,

Suddenly, the bodies of Chimaeras started melting and the lumps of meat of everyone started mixing with each other.

「Wha!?!」

For a moment he didn't understand what was happening.....but the moment he did, a shiver ran down his spine. And.....despair was born.

[illegible]

Seven very loud voices resounded from the bottom of ground.

Lion.

Monkey.

Eagle.

Dragon.

Goat.

Wolf.

Half cow half horse.

Seven heads were atop seven long necks. The design seemed like a child's prank who just kept on adding the strong-looking ones in one body.

「This shit is bigger than Cyclops.....」

Not only that, this seemed double of Cyclops. He felt dizziness just by looking at it.

But the overexploited flame sword was burning bright red and even his hand holding the hilt was burned. The severe pain from the burn brought Hayate back to reality.

「.....Bring it on!」

Hayate drew the 『Laevateinn』 backwards to the limits of his body.

The image in his brain was of the same—attack that killed Cyclops.

Returning the enemy in front, completely, without leaving behind any ash, back to null.

Answering the will of its owner the flame sword burned red hot and scorched the air.

「!!」

Drawing out his whole power he could currently, Hayate fired the power with the intention of cutting even the horizon the sky.

The whole sword blade of 『Laevateinn』 gushed with flames, in air red and black smoke were making half moons.

The total length of flame sword fired towards the seven heads was, easily 10 times more than the time he slaughtered Cyclops.

This was the strongest attack he could dish out currently.

That one attack scattered away the seven heads and half of its big body in a second, as if cutting through the space.

Moreover the flames of sure death spread out from the cut section and turned the remaining flesh in red.

「.....Hah!」

Having dished out everything he stabbed the 『Laevateinn』 in the ground and got on his knees while panting hard.

「I.....don't have anything left in me.....anymore」

Even the blade of 『Laevateinn』 that was always shining red seemed to be flickering right now.....if not for this sword then Hayate wouldn't even be able to stand right now.

A shadow again covered him from above his head.

「.....」

He couldn't even let out a voice now.

Even so he gathered his willpower and looked above.....and the figure of seven heads regenerated from the flames appeared in his eyes.

Unconsciously a dry laugh leaked from his throat.

.....*yeah, shit*.....

Till now he had been defeating Chimaeras by creating chances while defeating the Chimeras with sheer strength. If he lost focus for even a second he would be done in, if he made a move miss it would give the opponent time to regenerate and the situation would be back to start.....it hadn't been even an hour, but fighting that stretched fight in which every second seemed like several hours.....this was the result he reached in the end, eh?

His heart almost broke.

Now the power need to oppose the seven heads was not left at all, not even a fragment of it.

「Sherry.....」

He mustered strength to let out a voice and called out the name of that beloved girl.

But maybe fatigue and despair were very strong that he wasn't able to make out her image perfectly in his mind, as if a haze had been put on her face.

Not only that, the white haze eroded his vision gradually.....as if it was trying to remove him from the world.

Maybe dying was a feeling like this.

Of course if possible Hayate didn't want to die.

But he was probably determined about this to happen somewhere in his heart. Even if the seven heads didn't appear, he had to deal with that many Chimaeras and Chimeras. It was obvious that he would've reached his limits at some point.

*Agh, damn it.....I wasn't able to protect the promise.*

That was his regret. He wanted to protect the promise.

No.

He wanted to meet.

With her.

He wanted to meet.....Sherry once again.

「Hayate!!」

「!？」

Hayate was closing his eyes slowly, but that voice forcibly brought back his consciousness.

Hayate turned around while still on his knees.

And, understood that the voice just now wasn't some auditory hallucination.

「Sherry!？」

「You're alive, right!? It's good.....!」

Sherry dashed towards him while raising a voice of relief, but the honed heart of Hayate from fighting was stirred up terribly.

She wasn't nearing him alone—but even the distance between her and the seven heads was being reduced.

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The seven heads raged.

Even without looking at it, Hayate knew that the seven pair of Demonic Beasts' eyes were aiming at him and Sherry.

This was just like reproduction of that fight with Cyclops.

However, at that time it was Hayate that ran towards Sherry, but this time the cast were swapped.....as an extra bonus he didn't had any power left to save her.

He couldn't do anything now to stop her. He could understand if he, at that time, was like that. He and her, this time in this moment, go to each other no matter what.

Even if death was awaiting them—

—As if that could be accepted!!—

—That second, Hayate's consciousness flew away to somewhere not here.



## Part 6

「——Hah!?!」

Before he knew it, Hayate was in a white space.

That feeling was truly as if the landscape all changed within an instant, if to say then it was similar to how he was summoned to Diaspell Royal Academy by Sherry.

When, how, why he was here, he didn't know the answer to all those.

Before he knew it, Hayate was here.

「! Sherry! Sherry!?!」

Without a doubt this was an abnormal situation, but more than himself he was more worried about Sherry who had disappeared in front of him,

Looking over at the surroundings, he earnestly kept on calling her name.

And suddenly he noticed that in this pure white space, a single man was standing.

「.....?」

He didn't know when, why and how that man appeared here.

Noticing more he realized that the man was looking at him.

「Yo!」

Unexpectedly the man called out to him friendly.

But that voice was near yet far, the sense of distance and the existence of man were something that Hayate wasn't able to perceive clearly.

Let alone that even the expression on the face was not clear as if it was in the darkness.

「Hey! Where is this? How do I return back!?!」

The identity of the man was something that was not worth to make him worry about.

Hayate asked the most important thing to him.

There was sound saying 「don't answer and you die」 within his words, but.....the man was smiling as if looking at an idiot.

「What will you after returning? The current you will definitely die」

「I don't care even a bit! I will.....」

「She will also die」

「.....!」

Hayate's thoughts stopped processing as if his head was hit with a \*whonk\*.

Even if Hayate returned back there, he wouldn't be able to save Sherry.....that was all too much self-explanatory, a reality that couldn't be overturned.

「Damn it! What to do.....!」

「What do you want to do?」

The man asked.

「.....」

He didn't know why he felt like that.

But he felt a sort of strange familiarity with that man. Thinking back this white space was also the same. A mysterious nostalgia blew through his heart.

However.....that was only for an instant.

「I want power」

Hayate replied to the man's question.

「I want power. I want power enough to protect Sherry right now」

「.....What a modest kid. Weilding a world-slaying sword, you wish for something that small」

「It ain't small」

Hayate objected the sigh of man.

「She is a woman more important to me than the world」

「.....Pfft, Hahahahahaha! You're quite the interesting kid! Greatly different than me! But.....that's fine! You've already gained something more important than the world! That is good! That truly is good!」

The man laughed loudly.

As if agreeing to that great laughter, the Contract Mark on his right hand started glowing suddenly.

The colour of flames completely filled the white world.

「!？」

「The first step has been opened」

From the other side of the now-red-world, the voice of man reached him.

「Hey wait! Who are you!?!」

「You will know sooner or later.....if you regain your memories」

The man said profound words and continued.

「Let me warn you about one thing」

「!?!」

「The 『Seele』 answers to your heart. If that woman is the source of your heart then don't make stupid plans of letting that woman away from you. Always keep her beside you. Don't ever leave her」

‘That woman’ was of course Sherry.

That time he remained behind to let her escape—was that a stupid plan?

「Don't ever forget that, well yeah—」

The man's voice rang out one last time.

「——If you want power to protect that girl then I will give no matter how much you want  
」

## Part 7

「!?!」

The awakening was also abrupt.

The scene reflecting in his eyes was the one he saw right before being flown to that white space. Sherry was en route to reach him, while the seven heads was releasing bloodlust from behind!

「——!」

Pulling out 『Laevateinn』 that had become his cane replacement, Hayate rotated around.

「 「 「 「 「 「 「Kghoo!!」 」 」 」 」 」 」  
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The seven heads were deploying different attacks.



The lion-head was breathing out a Flame Breath.

The monkey-head was firing ten thousands of fangs like a bullet.

The eagle-head scattered red venom that seemed like blood.

The dragon head let out arrows of lightning.

The goat-head let out a breath that decomposed the earth within a second.

The wolf-head was releasing a extremely cold blizzard.

The half cow half horse was letting out a dissonant shout that could break a person's mind by just hearing it.

Those all attacks that could kill ten thousands of people were released while aiming at Hayate and Sherry.

An overkill attack aimed at just two people.

But—

「—It ain't enough」

The sword in Hayate's hand was world-slaying sword.

It saying overkill, then it was Hayate's win.

After all he was going to use a sword skill of that sword which could slay even the world on a single life-from like seven heads which was nothing more than some Demonic Beast. The small fries in the surroundings didn't even come close to its edge.

「Last Origin—」

The 『Laevateinn』 held above his head surged with a pillar of flame.

An updraft completely incomparable to the time he had once negated the magic of Cyclops; and a scorching storm blew violently in the bottom of valley.

An flaming updraft turned away the tornado, so to speak this feat of strength had already left the realm of little tricks and using this overwhelming power all the attacks of seven heads were negated.

Those heaven-reaching flames had surpassed the reason of world—and glowed in dusk colour.

That was just like heaven sundering longsword.

「—Hell Flame Destruction(The beheading sword of Heaven and Earth world destroying conflagration)!!」 (TN: The second is what is written in Kanji, the first one is what is spoken. I am using it for reasons, otherwise I never use both)

The flame longsword swung down from heaven engulfed the giant body of seven heads.

There was not even the process of burning to nothing. At the point it was swung down, no, at the point when Hayate judged it to be beheaded, the fate of seven heads was exhausted and it burned away.

The shockwaves from swinging the Hell Flame Destruction blasted away the Chimeras before him.

Speaking precisely,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of trees surrounding the valley had turned into ash or charcoal.....speaking more precisely, a section of mountain was completely gone without a trace.

*Did I.....do too much*, even Hayate couldn't help but think.

But, he was not much regretful about that. Rather he wasn't regretful at all.

After all.....

「Hayate!」

「Sherry!」

At that time the seven heads was aiming at the life of this girl who had just jumped into his embrace.

If that sword beheading great criminals wasn't Hayate's 『Laevateinn』 then he would keep on swinging it without any hesitation.

Large numbers of Chimeras and Chimaeras originated, and the seven heads also appeared, but all were killed by a single team of master and servant—Like that, the Seven Heads Case that could've repeated tragedy like that of Schalrachrot territory was closed.

# Epilogue

## Part 1

Two days after the Seven Heads Case. Hayate and others were still with the Verde Family for recuperation.

The origination of a large numbers of mixed animals.....no they had nest built so they might've been in large numbers from even before, however setting that aside the investigation on the mysterious Demonic Beasts had started.

The progress of investigation wasn't favourable, though.

That was because the building in the underground thought to be the nest of Demonic Beasts had been buried under earth and debris when the mixed animals broke through the ground and appeared above.

*And they didn't believe that I saw a human figure too.....*

At that time, Hayate truly did see a person peeking at them through the window.

But humans and Demonic Beasts couldn't live together, under that reason they didn't believe his story. Another reason was that the witness was the only male, Hayate.

Well, leaving investigation and whatnot to the specialist would be for the best.

Setting that aside, Hayate and others were scheduled to return back to Diaspell Royal Academy by tomorrow. The injuries also had been fully recovered with healing magic, now they just had to return back and report the completion of quest.

Incidentally the quest had Rank C at first, but thanks to the appearance of a large herd of Chimera and Chimaera along with their subjugation including seven heads, this quest had been changed to Rank S and the points would be given according to that, or so Lela had told them via «Transmission» .

「Well, if it remained Rank C after all that hard work, it won't be worth it.....for the time being, we had took another step towards Sherry's dream」

This point was worthy enough for him to work hard.

Hayate threw down his upper body on top of bed and heaved a long sight while remembering the troubles he had to go through within the past few days.

That time.....\*knock knock\* a moderate knocking sound rang out.

「Yes?」

「.....Excuse me for disturbing you」

Victoria came in Hayate's room while wearing casual clothes.

「What happened?」

「No.....that.....」

She entered the room while speaking ambiguously and slowly sat right beside Hayate.

「.....」

Hayate raised his upper body and looked at Victoria, but she kept on playing with her bangs while peeking a glance at him some times, however not speaking at all.

「.....Hm?」

What might it be, thinking that Hayate took a look at her from the down.

「.....!」

The moment their gazes met, Victoria blushed fiercely and averted her eyes from him. And again while playing with her hair,

「That.....I talked with Onee-sama」

She bluntly murmured.

「Oh, I see. So, how did it go?」

「.....Well, that.....thanks to you, I understood that I had been misunderstanding about Onee-sama a lot」

「I see」

Then fine, Hayate heaved a sigh of relief.

Well, it was just the problem of words being taken differently between the two, so if they made their points clear then they would get closer, that was he had thought and apparently everything went peacefully.

「A, and.....」

Victoria resolved and suddenly grabbed Hayate's face.

「.....Yes?」

What? Hayate remained dubious to her actions when suddenly—her soft lips touched his cheeks.

「Eh? No, huh?」

Hayate's eyes darted due to her astounding actions and he touched the area where her lips touched with his hands.

「W-What.....eh?」

「I-It's just a gratitude!」

Facing the still confused Hayate, Victoria answered as if shouting while he face was bright red.

「I-I-Isn't this the right way to convey the feelings of gratitude!?!」

「Again a misunderstanding under restrictions, eh!?!」

「Eh? Eh!? I heard it from head maid, but a-am I wrong!?!」

「Agh, no.....you're not mistaken completely.....probably? No, what gratitude is this in the first place!?!」

It felt like the gratitude regarding the reconciliation of the two sisters was given to him just before, and so he had no idea what sort of gratitude was this kiss for.

「T-That is.....」

「?」

「Didn't you protect me from the Demonic Beast again?」

Apparently she was talking about the time Hayate was stalling the herd of mixed animals.

Hayate had an somewhat complicated expression, but Victoria kept on saying words seeming like excuses while entwining her fingers.

「I do know that you remained behind to protect Sherry-san. ....yet, making me see your*cool sides* many times, even my chest.....heartbeat becomes faster」

「.....」

Hayate heard Victoria's talk while keeping silent. And before he was able to reply anything she stood up from the bed.

「I won't say anymore than this currently. But still, please tell this to Sherry-san——」

She turned around and pointed at Hayate.

「——That I will be content with the position of rival for now. But one day.....I will surely become the love rival」

## Part 2

The night of that very same day. This time Sherry visited his room.

「Yo」

「Excuse me」

Sherry entered the room as if natural.

「.....I will just to be sure, but did you come all the way wearing that?」

「Yea, of course」

Her appearance was what she had when sleeping—in short, she was wearing a sexy negligee that was even sexier than her naked body.

「Hey, come here」

Tempted by Sherry, Hayate sat beside her on the bed.

「.....So? What do you want?」

「I was thinking of keeping the promise」

「Promise?」

Being told that.....Hayate recalled the identity of that 「promise」 .

「Didn't I say that if you come back alive, I will give my most important thing?」

「Y-Yeah」

「Hayate kept the promise. So I was also thinking to keep the promise」

「Keeping the promise, you mean.....?」

「Like I said, I will give my most important thing to you」

Hayate raised a question mark to Sherry's profound words.

What might be her most important thing?

「.....But, I think. Although I said my most important thing but I am after all a fallen noble. Even if you sold me, I won't be able to give you some gem that you can play with for your whole life and neither can I grant you some mansion」

「That is.....well true enough」

「So, I think we should do like this. I will give you anything you want from the things I have with me」

「From the thing Sherry has, eh.....」

「Otherwise—it's fine if you wish for me to do something for you. I will do any one thing you want me to do」

「!？」

Hayate started hearing some tremendous suggestion at the end.

「An-any one thing？」

「ANY. ONE. THING.」

Hayate once again gazed at Sherry's appearance.

That alluring figure looked like it wanted something like that.....or so he thought and suddenly she looked all too more sensational to him.

「Come on, you can do anything you want to with me」

Sherry placed both of her hands on bed and neared her face towards Hayate. She was making him say.

「okay, then.....」

「Hm？」

Hayate spun words with his unsettled head.

「P.....」

「P？」

「.....Put it on hold for now」

「.....」

A complicated silence.

「Why？」

「No, you see..... my mental preparedness is not done」

「Incompetent」

「Gfh!」

「It's fine so just desire for anything, like my virginity」

「If anything is fine then I desire for your chastity!」

「Rejected」

Where the hell did *anything* go now.....

However in this case, not matter how one thinks about it, it was Hayate in the bad. To the extent that he shouldn't make complaints even if beaten black and blue.

Resolving for that fate he waited for Sherry's next movements.....soon enough she withdrew while heaving a long sigh.

「\*sigh\*, it's fine now. That sort of atmosphere is also gone now. Die」

「.....I feel like there is killing intent mixed at the end of sentence?」

「Making a girl, who did this much, completely embarrassed is more than enough for you to die by torture. Even death by hanging would be a mercy for you」

He went speechless. It was just as she said.

「And so?」

「Eh?」

「Putting it on hold you said, so till when are you going to put it on hold?」

「Err.....」

Hayate thought for a while,

「.....Is it fine after we win in the 『Walpurgis Night』 ?」

And answered.

She sighed again hearing that answer.

「That is quite the patient thing you say」

「That may be true, but.....winning the 『Walpurgis Night』 , contributing a great deal in your dream, I also think that I would be able to be bold when taking your everything at that time」

「.....!」

Sherry stared in wonder as she reacted to the words 'taking your everything'. That, in other words meant.....



「~~~~」

Hayate blushed hard and scratched his cheeks. Sherry smiled seeing him react like that,

「You're right. Then I will endure it till we win the 『Walpurgis Night』 」

「Yeah」

「Then, I will endure with just sleeping together for today」

「Eh?」

Sherry immediately slipped into his bed and pretended to sleep at once.

Without having any need to confirm it again, as said before she was in an extremely sexy appearance.

Having said that, if he kept on displeasing her then a new ice sculpture might be born. Giving up, Hayate also lay beside her and closed his eyes.

「.....Nh nhhuuh」

Hayate wasn't able to sleep because the Sherry's breathing was more closer than compared to the bed of dorms. One other cause was because unexpectedly her body temperature was being transmitted to him as she was just right beside him.

Even so after a while, the sleepiness did come.

He started to doze and would be able to sleep—the moment he thought that.

「Hayate——」

Abruptly Sherry called his name in his ears with a tempting voice.

「——We should, ABSOLUTELY, win the 『Walpurgis Night』 with the shortest route possible, if not, then I may not be able to endure anymore」

「Bgh!？」

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That day, Hayate Mitsurugi and Sherry Scharlachrot finished recuperating and returned to Diaspell Royal Academy in the carriage from Verde Family.

「.....」

There was a single person seeing the carriage getting far away from a place even more far away.

That was the gaze Hayate felt in the market.

Or maybe the person Hayate spotted in the window of the building in the underground.

Those all was the work of this person.

「Those are the holder of 『Seele』 and its summoner, eh.....」

A monologue for reconfirming.

He or maybe she was in that underground building—research facility as a researcher.

The mixed animals were originally artificial Demonic Beasts made in the research facility. But one day the research moved onto phase two. Hence the mixed animals were sealed along with facility in the underground.

However, recently some mixed animals broke through the seal and were spotted by humans. The Verde Family governing this place gave forth a quest, and the former authorized people sniffed about this and decided to dispose of all the mixed animals in the underground, and as the result this person was despatched.

It only needed to destroy the facility before the ones who took on the quest—it was supposed to be like that, but coincidentally the former researcher heard about the people who took on the quest, Hayate Mitsurugi and Sherry Scharlachrot.

The holder of 『Seele』 and its summoner were special existences. Hence the former researcher arbitrarily unsealed all of the seals and made them all clash against Hayate and others.

All was for seeing the power of 『Seele』 . And in truth the power the person saw far surpassed its imagination.

「Truly wonderful power.....those failed works decided to be disposed were helpful in a truly unexpected manner」

The person called those Chimeras having that much power as failed works.....no one would be able to know what that person was thinking within his mind—

「Fufufu.....」

—Other than the person itself. The person laughed gloomily.

# Afterword

It's been a while readers. I'm Namer Jirushi. For me it will be around 4 months or so, but thanks to you all readers I was able to launch 『Ore to Kanojo ga Geboku de Dorei de Shuujuu Keiyaku』 Volume 2.

This time too I have written a lot of better erotic and battle scenes. This volume was about Victoria, it moved forward with things related to her as the main part. As a new character, her elder sister holding the key also appeared. Victoria was again a bashful and hating to lose character, so do check the original story!

As natural both the master and servant also had great achievement in both love and battle. Continuing from the previous volume, Kiruru and Aria also appeared. Pay attention to their cuteness.

Taking this chance, I will talk a bit about the contents.....

Speaking frankly, this time there was a swimsuit chapter. \*Woah Woah\* \*clap clap\*. Seeing the all the heroines wearing the swimsuit of design made by Youta-san I can't stop my nosebleed already!

Of course I have included this and that events necessary in swimsuit chapters. Have fun! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Volume and swimsuit chapter already!? Too fast! Some might think like that, but the heroine had already showed her naked body in Volume 1 that this much is of no problem.....probably.

Huh? I'm only talking about Heroines till now. O-Of course the protagonist, Hayate had been enjoying his manservant life with Sherry—for example sleeping in the same bed, or washing her body's every nook and corner in the same bath—huh? I'm only talking about perverted things. T-T-There is also great achievements in battle! I'm saying truth here!?

Incidentally this had no relation to the story at all, but.....recently I grew fat. I originally don't meet with people that much that I hadn't noticed it much, but just the other day my friend pointed it out and I noticed it first time.

Still why did I grow fat?

Recently I've been always at home working while sitting on chair, eating potato chips and working, eating ice and working, drinking juice and.....Ah (got it).

It might sound weird, but from what I've heard from friend novelists is that the authors working either grow think that even bones appear or grow fat that skin starts hanging down. 「Healthy and fine novelist? Never heard of that thing」 .....that surely is not good, so I'm thinking of starting exercises already.

This is also something I've heard from friend novelists that 「the trick to continue with jogging is that rain never falls」 or so it is. If it rains even one day and you interrupt jogging, then the next day continuation power for jogging would always be questioned, or so the saying goes.....just how much does a walking machine costs. Aim for healthy and fine novelist!

Finally the acknowledgment. Kobayashi-sama, the editor in charge, again gave out various suggestions for the characters and story along with fanservice scenes. During the bath scene I asked frighteningly 「if it was fine this much」 and he saved me by giving a GO sign! I am looking forward to work with him from now on too.

Thank you very much! The illustrator, Youta-sama. Thank you very much for designing the new character and swimsuit figure of heroines. A special illustration for 1 month sale in Dragon Magazine by Youta-sama was also full of flesh-coloured ingredient that I my nose bled explosively. I am looking forward to new illustrations that would knock everyone out of their wits.

I again thank everyone that assisted in this book getting published. And I also thank the readers that had read the Volume 1 and continued onto reading this volume and also thank the readers who read this Volume and tried to buy both volumes at once (you are buying right? \*throb-throb\*)! Stay tuned for next time too. Well then, let's meet again someday.

—Nameko Jirushi.